My dear Harriet,

I told you in my last some-
thing doubtless that surprised you very much.
Mr. Myjin's proposal was communicated
to Mr. Meles on Friday eve (the 28th Oct. the day
I wrote) and he arranged to see in it an in-
dication of God's will in the matter. But he
answered decisively that his oppn was not founded
on my want of means, and he refused to withdraw
his opposition. — So you may now dismiss
the matter from your thoughts, and treat it as
though I had never mentioned it. That I have
been guided of God in this affair I have the
most striking evidence, the most thorough con-
viction; and if his plan embraces any
sequel, it shall be brought to pass. At all
events, I have great peace in the consciousness
that I have left all with him, humbly and
with complete unreserve.

Mr. Myjins, before he left, made me

engaged to go to a photographer, whom he commissioned to take my portrait. Two were taken, one full length, one a vignette. The latter I enclose; and when I write again will send the other. I hope you at last will be satisfied. You may be sure that nothing better can be got out of my face. Something in the photograph reminds me of Pa.

I have not heard from you since I last wrote. I hope to hear to-day: I believe the Mail is in.

There are now lines of telegraph from Bombay to Europe, via Persia & Russia, and Persia and Turkey. Strange to say, there have been no messages yet sent. — There are three lines of Railway running out of Bombay. Two of these ascend the Ghauts (2000 feet high). The Bhore Ghaut incline was finished last March. This line runs to the S.E. — eventually to Madras. The Thull Ghaut (N.E.) is just completed. And the line that runs through the Northern Concan to Guzerat is also just completed. —

Mr Barker is now here from Nagpur. He has had fever. He returns to America ~~soon~~ at the beginning of the year, with his motherless little Mary. He has been here 10 years. Mr Ballantine's eldest son (in this country) goes home with Mr. Barker, and so does Mr. Abbott's eldest son. —

My excellent friends Col. & Mrs. Shaw (Mrs. Leith's sister) and Mrs. Col. Murray, (Mrs Leith's niece.) have lately returned from England. — Mrs Leith is at a neighbouring hill-station. I had a letter from her the other day, in which she asked after you, wished to be remembered. She sent me two new photographs of herself. I shall perhaps send you one of them, one of these days. —

You will be telling me soon what you think of [illegible]. Perhaps it is not to your taste. I thought it desirable that there should be something imaginative in the Guardian.

The Mail is not in, & I must wait longer for your letters. — I have written to Bro. Bissell. I enclose the letter. His address I believe is Milan, Ohio. But Mr. Merwin will know. — How long we are without any trace of Frank. Do we pray enough for him? —

Commending you all to the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ the same yesterday, to-day & forever, I am dear mother, your son

Yours affectionately
Fred Brown

Brooklyn
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Miss Harriet L. S. Bowen
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Indapur, 21st July 1862.

My Dear Brother,

Your last kind letter was quite an unexpected treat and would have been acknowledged long ere this, if I had not been thrown back in my correspondence by my last monthly tour.

1855

Some years ago I remember, as we came home from preaching, you complained of your alleged want of success in your missionary labours. My present communication will show how useful you have been to me. In this place I have so little of christian intercourse, but your meditations and notes of sermons in the Guardian make up for this great want. I was particularly struck with the notes on, "owe no man any thing but love." How many christians you must be feeding and refreshing in this way. I would say, dear brother, go on with your labours of love. But would you say this is refreshing those who are already in God's kingdom, it is not direct missionary work. I trust such a thought never finds ~~[illegible]~~ any entrance in your heart. I look upon your Guardian as much a missionary work as your standing in the corner of the tract society's deposition and preaching to the blind heathen of Bombay. But I will show you how the Guardian is a direct missionary work. The *Guardian* stirs me up, in my turn I stir up the Christian people working al with me and they and I work in this region, I trust, with all our might. Is it not this missionary work? May the Lord preserve you long to labour in this way.

From the 8th of June we have had very little or no rain in this part of the country; 1881 consequently the poor people are getting very anxious. Every thing is becoming very dear. Notwithstanding all this there is no disposition to look to the only true and living God. The Bramhans have been drowning the Mahadewa (*drowning the great God!*) so that he might give them rain. The common people have been cow or buffalo-dunging Mhasoba. But neither the one nor the other is roused by this indignity to do the needful on behalf of their worshippers. How little do they seem to show respect to their Gods! Now they are ready to fall down before them, now they are ready to drown and cow-dung them. When we go out to preach the invariable question put to us is when

Bombay 27th November, 1865

My dear Mother & Sisters,

I went to Ahmednuggur last month leaving on the 13th and returning on the 2nd Nov. I spent two or three days in Poona on my way up. The railway took me to Dhond about 45 miles from Ahmednuggur. Dr. Fraser, Lieut Brown & Mr. Macdonald, Christian friends (of Harriet's & mine) entered the carriage at Poona. They were going to Ah. too, but when they found out from me that they were in error as to the time of the general meeting they hesitated. However they went on to Dhond and I spent a pleasant day with them in the travelers' bungalow. Dr. F. has now no employment. He is waiting upon Govt, but without success so far. Mr. Harding came on in the cars from Sholapoor and the next morning he and I left for Nuggur in a tanga, the others returning to Poona. A tanga is a little two-wheeled vehicle in which the parties sit back to back, looking forward and hindward, drawn by two ponies. We reached Nuggur in the evening. Mr. Harding stopped with the Hazens, I with the Woods. The Fairbanks and Mr. Abbott were living also with the Woods. The Mungers & Bissells made up the mission party. I spent a very happy fortnight there. We had a daily prayer-meeting in English for the mission families at 9 A.M. The brethren appointed me a corr. member of their body and I took part with them in their business meetings which occupied some 4 or 5 hours daily. It was almost like being in America; all Americans, Am.

books, newspapers &c &c, and Am. food (pancakes, pumpkin pies &c.) The only children there were the Fairbanks' 4, the Hazens' 2 daughters, and the Bissells' baby. — In the second week, there was the examination of the schools, diversified by certain little pieces of representation. For instance the story of the Merchant of Venice was worked up into two or three colloquies sustained by the schoolboys. I was interested to observe the absorbing interest of the Native Chr. spectators. Sir Alex Grant and others of the gentry were present. In these schools the Chr. children are educated to be teachers, catechists, pastors, or to fill secular posts, — and the wives of such. — Several hundred Native Chr. came in from the districts, and filled the Chapel during the special 3 days' exercises. There were about 40 speakers, on a great variety of subjects. This was followed by the Communion. I should not forget that there was a scene of "offerings to the Lord", such as I once before described. — One evening we went to what must have been a charming spot in its day, and is pretty and picturesque even now; Fairy-bag it is called, bag being garden, and Fairy for Peri. It is a Mohammedan pleasure-palace, stone, with arches and a dome, three stories of galleries encompassing the domed interior, a flat roof commanding a noble view. The building is islanded in the midst of a piece of artificial water, which is surrounded by noble tamarind-trees. After the meetings were over we spent a day in visiting a somewhat similar structure on a hill-top 6 miles east of Nuggur. It was a strange idea, combining a palace with a tomb. The building was erected by Salabat Khan in honor of a favorite wife buried in the basement. We dined there al fresco in one of the open galleries near the top. Had a delightful day altogether. — I was there before in 1854 when the Deputation were here. — We were constantly reminded of the absent: the Ballantines, Bissells, Barkers, Chapins. Nothing could exceed the kindness shown me by all. This however is so constant a thing that I might easily have forgot to make mention of it.

After Br. Harding & I left, there was another Mission meeting, at which they passed the following resolution: "Having enjoyed the presence and counsel of Br. Bowen during this meeting, and reviewing with great satisfaction the course he has pursued in regard to the Am. Board and ourselves since he was outwardly disconnected with us in 1855, the Mission would express the hope that the Prudential Committee may again appoint him a missionary of the A.B.C.F.M., and that Br. B. himself may again assume the duties and enjoy all the privileges that such a connection involves." — This was communicated to me by Br. F. in a kind letter. I am willing to be connected with the Board as I was before 1855, and shall probably send by this opp'y a letter to this effect. The Lord will hinder it or promote it as He sees fit. I am equally the Lord's servant whether so connected or not.

You say the Guardian contained my thoughts, and these are not what you want. The Guardian contained my inner life as no letters that I ever wrote did. I put things into it that I would have been slow to put in a letter: e.g. the diary of my innermost experience from 1845 to 1848, the sketch of my former life and conversion given in verse. In a true life thoughts are not separable from feelings and character. The thoughts of Christ fill up the Gospels, uttered in words and deeds.

1865

The great conflict waged on the ~~theatre~~ arena of this world, is of thoughts with thoughts, Christ's thoughts with the world's thoughts, and the victory of the last day is the victory of Christ's thoughts ~~with~~ over the world's thoughts. Happy he to whom Christ shall say, Thou hast uttered all my thoughts, and he that hath heard thee hath heard me, he that hath rejected thy words hath rejected mine.)

I am delighted to have your a/c of the Darlingtons (Harriet's and Kate's.) I must enclose some lines for cousin Caroline. – The mention of her takes me back a great many years, and I seem even now to hear her singing "I know a bank" and other songs, afterwards sung by Harriet. – You have not told me about Mr. D.

Papiya likes your present very much and sends [illegible] [illegible] which means abundant salutation. He & his family were at the meeting at Nagpur and all came back ill, and have continued so till now. Ramkrishnapunt is at Nagpur and I am preaching for him. – I am deeply grieved to hear of Br. Dodd's health. I remember he was very ill at one time in '46 or 47, and we thought him of a very unpromising constitution; but the Lord has permitted him to spend many hours in His vineyard. – I am now reading Wayland's life of Judson. Strange to say I never read it before. Enjoy it much. I sympathize much with his aspiration for perfect holiness, which is simply having a faith commensurate with the offered Christ. As the vine so the branch. As he is, so are we to b in the world. Then shall come salvation & the power of our God.

I had a letter from a lady whom I have never seen, but whom I know by report as a Christian, asking me very earnestly to pray for her. She seems in a horror of great darkness, & I am reminded of the state I was in for some time before the 4th of Dec/45 when I obtained that hold of Christ which I have had uninterruptedly since, glory to His name. I have written her.

Major & Mrs. James are in Belgium. They left while I was away very suddenly, he being transferred to a regiment there. I miss them much. It is a capital station and I hope she will improve there. She was very delicate here, eating nothing. The climate there is more bracing. — Dear Bro. Ford, if you see him again, give him my love. How greatly would I enjoy seeing him. Why not say *will* for *would*? — I am glad to hear that Ma walks out frequently. — How many years is Aunt Weston her junior? — I remember perfectly your writing-desk and mine, sent from England by Pa in 1829. I am glad you have yours still. — Thanks to your friend Geo. Hopkins for his love and please give him mine in return. I hope he is really reading the Bible for *himself*. [There belongs to our nature, legitimately, a love of novelty, but we err in the way in which we gratify it. We sometimes seek for new views of truth, when what we want is new experience of the power of truth. The Spirit of Truth takes of the oldest most familiar things and so shows them to us that we are speechless with joy). We are to be on our guard against the idea that we are to find our enjoyment of Scripture in the discovery of new truths; such may or may not be given; but we honor the word when we believe that the Spirit of God may turn the most familiar things into places of delight richly sanctifying.] — As an illustration ~~Your last (Harriet & Kate) are dated Sept 20th~~ of this, I may be allowed to mention that what you, dear Harriet, say of your joy in Christ's righteousness apprehended by simple faith, in no way differs from what you have written to me in years past. I think I could find the same expressions in some of your old letters. But the impressions are different.

I have not yet apprehended your argument on the *Evening* question. This may be owing to my dulness.

the part of your argument is founded upon what you allege to have been the practice of the primitive church. If such a practice obtained in all the primitive churches (embracing both Jews & Gentiles) how could the practice have become supplanted by a totally different one throughout Christendom? This is very different from a gradual corruption of doctrine. There should be a great mark in history where such a great universal break in usage occurred. — If the Lord's day is ~~[illegible]~~ from Saturday sundown to Sunday sundown, you could, according to your own view, meet on Sunday afternoon. But then you would not be singular and would not be saying to the church at large "You are all wrong." The Church is wrong enough in truth, but Christ's controversy is not with her about such things.

27th I have had an interview with the lady who wrote me. She has every thing to make her happy, no external trials, but is haunted by gloomy forebodings which drive her almost to madness in the effort to banish them. She was astonished beyond measure at the counsel so diff't, she said, from any that other Chr. friends had given. May it be blest to her. —

Dear Kate, give my affectionate regards to Mr. Booth when you see him. — Where does Ma attend worship? Who is her pastor? Should you see any thing of Br. Bissell, Barker, Ballantine, (nephew and uncle) please give them much love. I owe them letters, but must defer writing. — Also give my affectionate regards to Br. Dulles if you ever have any communication with him. — Some people are talking about reviving the Guardian. A gentleman was offering the other day to become responsible for the expense. I have no faith in these tardy attempts. [illegible] ample opp'y was given the public. There is now no evangelical organ. One Wesl'n-Church and the rest secular admitting anti-evangelical articles. — Tell me about Antoinette and her children when you write. I know scarcely any thing. In much love. Geo Bowen

1868

Miss Harriet [illegible]
or Miss [illegible]
48 [illegible]
[illegible] New York

Favored by
Captain Hanscom

Bombay, Nov. 12, 1866

My dear Mother & Sisters,

I have had the pleasure of receiving a letter from Kate and another from Harriet, since I last wrote. I would have written before but was away at Ahmednuggur. I wrote you through the _Guardian_ an account of the meeting there. During these annual trips, as much as Harriet and Kate do their annual flitting to New Jersey, Pennsylvania and the Hudson. I went up with the Bissells. It was a great pleasure to be with them & their dear children. They were heartily welcomed at Ahmednuggur after their three years' absence. They and I lived with the Hazens. The Woods are located there. The Bruces were present. Mr. Abbott & Mr. Dean also, but not their families. Mr. Abbott has been transferred to Satara, where

I hope they will work with more satis-
faction than they did in Rahooree. Mrs.
A. has for years had a monomania about
the house which the Hazens live in. She
imagines it belongs to them, the Abbotts, and
made herself and all around unhappy by
her complaints. The house belongs to the Am.
Board and they assigned it to the missy
who had charge of the boys' school. It
is very humiliating that a little crotchet
like this should do so much mischief.

Mr. Ramkrishnapunt has left Bombay
and is to be at Wambooree in the
Nuggur field. — The Dajiba of whom you
saw a notice in the Guardian was not
Dajiba Juggonath of Bombay.

You may see in the Guardian a story of the
mutiny, mention of the Chaplain of the
station, Mr. Watson. There is a large camp
of European (and Native) soldiers, and
he is the only one to preach to them. He is
Evangl., but it is broad church liberality.

Let me tell you of a conversation I had with
him. He asked me if I wrote the Notes
from an Interleaved Bible. Yes. — I like
them but I think your views are sometimes
narrow. — They are just what I find in the
Bible. My views were once broad enough.
I did not believe in a revelation at all. When
I knew the Bible to be true, I resolved to
take it as my guide; both in doctrine and
in practice. — What about inspiration?
Do you hold the literal view? — I believe it
to be wholly the word of God. How the writers
were influenced is with me of no consequence.
God took care that the Bible should be
what it is and every page has his impri-
matur. Copyists may have made
mistakes; but none were allowed that
in any way impaired the value of the
Bible as God's book. — I am conversing,

says he, to-day, with a Roman Catholic priest. He maintained the infallibility of the church. It seems to me your error is a similar one in relying on the Bible as infallible. It was written by fallible men, and of course must partake of their imperfections. — In the Bible I hear the voice of God; the infallibility on which I rest is that of God. If I wished to send a message to a man, I would take care that the messenger was fitted to convey it. It would be a strange thing if God should commit the most important of all messages to those who might pervert it. He surely has power to get his messages rightly delivered.

I afterwards asked him if he had any difficulties about the supernatural.

He said, Yes, and asked me what
thought of such miracles as that of Joshua's,
stopping the sun: I told him, I fully believed
it. It was fitting that the material world should
be shown to be subordinate to the spiritual;
and I believed there were from time to
time such interferences with the ordinary
course of nature with a view to the greater
manifestation of the divine power. — He
could not go with this at all. The wonderful
works of Christ he believed to be in the exercise
of powers beyond those of ordinary men, but
still not beyond nature. — Christ said, I can
of mine own self do nothing. The Father that
dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. So the
power was that of God, and was just the
power that was manifest in creation.
And nothing less would have answered.
Power that all should recognize as
divine, was what was needed. —

Yet how small was the result, said he, men did not believe. And it is not miracles that men need in order to believe. Why should miracles be wrought if men were not convinced by them? — The N. T. does not make light of the evidence of miracles. If I do not the works of Him that sent me, believe me not. Look at the first dozen chapters of the Acts, where the greatest effects are connected with them. God gives sufficient evidence, and it is no disparagement of this that sin blinds men to it.) —— I was very much pleased with the frankness and honesty of the gentleman, and cannot but think him a hopeful subject for prayer. He is very active and laborious, trying to do good after his fashion. But how anomalous is his position as a clergyman of the Church of England. I believe there are many of his views in the ministry of that church.

I recd the other day the two bundles of Daily Meditations from Dr. Dulles. I was of course very much pleased with the getting up of the book. It is very handsome. And I have no fault to find with the editing. On the contrary I am very thankful to Dr. Dulles for the pains taken in reading the proof, making new paragraphs &c. I wish you had sent on the bill against the Tract Book Society, but Kate says it is about $29. I have asked Mr. Hagen to give me an order on the Treasury of the Tract Board for $30, and if I get it in time I will enclose it in this.

Nov. 13th. I have not heard from Mr. Hagen. He is out in the districts I fancy. Will you kindly drop a line to Mr. Dulles and tell him what I have said above? I hope to send him shortly an order for the sum due. — If any thing more were to be published, I should name John 13 – 17 inclusive, the epistles of John, Exposition of Peter II, Sabbath Meditations, and Gethsemane to Pentecost. The last of these was published in the Guardian from Oct/62 to March /64, if I remember rightly

I do not think the Septuagint on the whole so good a version as our English. In some places it is excessively defective. It was the version commonly read in the days of our Lord and the apostles, and therefore used by them in arguing with the people &c. Their example is an argument for the use of translations into the vernacular. —

Love to Mr. Armstrong, the Darlingtons and all other dear friends. Remember me kindly to Mr Booth & to Dr Stevens when you see him. To Mr Woodyard also. I am waiting anxiously for the photographs; I want you all there. — The paper in the Album are kept blank. Yours

your son in love

Geo Bowen

Bombay

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Mrs. Harriet S. Bowen
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② Dundee, Aug. 23, 1867

My dear Kate,

I have rec'd yours of June 13th. Thanks for the same. The letter covering Mr. Butler's photographs came duly to hand. None was lost as you fear. It is a mystery thing to me what has become of the letter containing the photographs of Ma, Harriet and yourself. When I show my friends my album, the above mentioned parties are conspicuous by their absence. This should not be. If you meet with the responsible parties please give them a good scolding, or any other form of moral suasion that you think likely to produce amendment.

sent one of course
The money intended for you. Did not I tell you that the books from Mr Dulles ought to have been considered yours? As you sent them to me, I sent you the value. You think I have over-valued them. Is not this a common failing with authors? As for the Tract books no matter that is for me to settle.

I remember Mr. Gaskell very well, and I am glad to hear so good an account of him. — I have not seen any of Mr. Muhlbach's Historical Romances, or heard of them before. There is a good deal of American literature not heard of this side of the Atlantic.

We had all the American missionaries here last month, at a meeting. Mr & Mrs Wood are still here. They and Mrs Munger were always much interested in hearing about you; they generally got any particulars with your letters, with here and there a chasm. Mrs Wood has very poor health. — Mrs Munger is spending some months with Mr Harding and his little one at Sholapoor. — You will possibly have seen the Deans before this. I gave them a letter to you. They were in great danger off the Cape, as you will have seen by the Guardian. — I am glad to hear you speak of Mrs. Chapman. But I have later news of her. She is going to be married. If you get acquainted with her you will find her an uncommon person. She makes a mark. — I fear that you women are getting too much liberty in America. It is observable that the more you get the more you want; And all you want you get. Impartial suffrage comes next, and then the men will be no where. Serve them right, I suppose. — What we all want is not so much a wider scope, more elbow-room, but more heart to do the work before us. From all I hear, Mrs. Chapin has this, and I trust wherever she may be she may do much for G. & glorify the Saviour. Capt. Hammond, my friend, remembers her with great gratitude, for she was the means of leading him to Christ, when he was [illegible] in the Gospel. Love to all

Geo. Bowen

Dear Bro

No time to write now. Just off to Nagpur. Many thanks for your August letter. The Lord be with you. Ever Yours

G Bowen.

I wrote this on the 12th, expecting to go on the 14th.–G.B.

14th. I am better but not in trim to go to Nagpur.

is to-day the 13th, and there is a very little prospect of my leaving to-morrow, as I am laid up with inflammation, rheumatism or gout! You may learn from this what a high-liver I am. You need not deem thought ill of my getting the gout the Irishman's disease. Whatever it is it is excruciating enough, and I am fastened to my chair. But it is a peculiarity of my ailments that they come and go. I can scarcely time a incident on the sympathies of others.

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Mrs. Harriet Bowen
48 West Washington Place
New York

Per Steamer

LONDON
NO 4
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My dear Harriet & Kate

I have just been writing to Frank. A gentleman who passed through Germany on his return to America, a Mr. Chase, told me that he had spent some time with him at Yokohama last August, Captain Frank Brown he called him. Frank had told him that he had a bro. a miss'y in Germany. He was there for his health. Is a merchant in Macao, (Portuguese port 60 miles from Canton) & is in the coolie business, that is he sends Chinese emigrants to South

America. Mr. Chase said Frank
was a most gentlemanly person &
moving in very good society. He is
thin, it appears. I fancied he was
stout. Some friends were leaving in
the steamer for America & Frank
suddenly decided to go with them. He told
Mr Chase he would return by the
German steamer. I suppose he
did not go to see you. His business
relations are with New York I
believe. Mr. Chase did not hear him
speak against religion, but got
the idea that he was simply indiffer-
ent, careless on the subject. He
spoke as though he thought it a strange
thing I should be spending my life
out here as a missionary.

I have told him about Ma's
death, and have urged him if he
has occasion to take ~~as~~ even any
steps for his health any time, to
come to Germany, and have a nurse if
I see that he is well cared for.

It is matter of great thankfulness
that Ma lived to hear such an account
of him. I heard some things. I
hope he may be touched by what I
told him of Ma's death. It is a
great thing that we have no cause to
as regards him. I cannot but hope
that this is the beginning of his restoration.
I hope you will be interested in [illegible].

I gave Mr Chase my address.
Perhaps he will call upon you. —
I am much obliged for your kind
gift of Jan 31st.
I wrote Mr Butler through you
a letter that must have been rec'd in July
or August last, asking him to send
a supply of the Daily Meditations.
Two American ships have come in
and to my surprise have brought
nothing. I am sorry for a number
of persons are waiting for copies.
I shall enclose a note for him.
Mr. Harding is to leave next
week for America.
I understand that Mr Booth
had been married only three weeks

when Mr. Porter died.

Dajiba is standing outside the door and reading a Marathi tract to gather an audience, to whom I then speak from the steps. 13th

14th. We have now a weekly from Bombay leaving every Saturday. You seem not to have been aware when you wrote your letter of the reduced postal rates on the Atlantic. 6d instead of 1s. On the other hand the rates between England & India are enhanced 9d instead of 6d via Southampton. I suppose we must use 28 or 30 cent stamps. — I spent last evening at the Steamers. They have a Col & Mrs. Kirby and a Mrs. Chambers living with them. Christian people, and they are accustomed to study the word of God together, and when I came they drew a lot of questions to ask me. There is no more delightful subject of conversation than the word of God. It is that which God has given to form the staple of our [illegible] [illegible], and we shall all [illegible] [illegible] for conversation and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

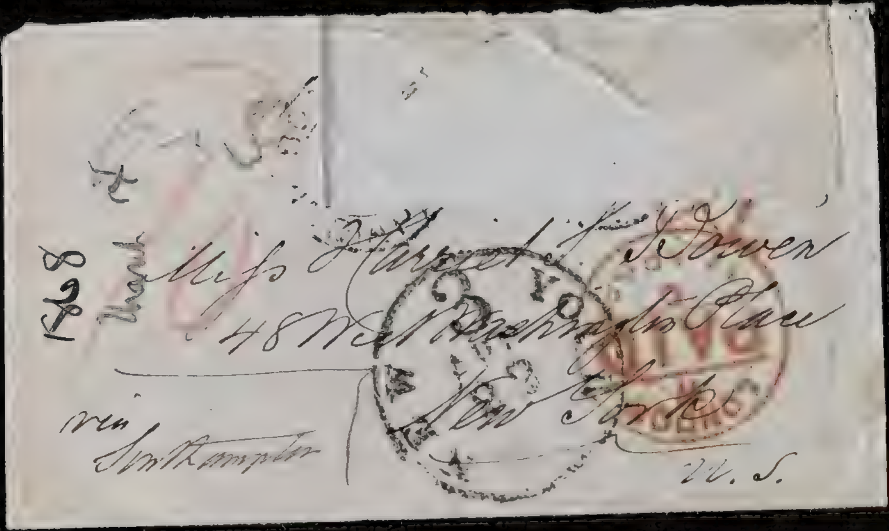
I enclose a letter for Br. Dulles. Fearing my last annual have failed to reach him.

Hoping soon to hear from you again

I am &c yours affectionately brother

Geo. Bowen

Bombay March 4/68



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Miss Harriet J. Bowen

48 West Washington Place

New York

U.S.

via Southampton

June 16

My dear Sisters,

You will be sorry to hear that I have got no reply from Frank. Still I do not think that Kate is right in her suspicion that he made up the story he told Mr. Chase. I may be wrong. But looking at his antecedents I do not think any thing more probable than that he should be in the Coolie trade and should be living in a Portuguese town. Perhaps he was absent when my letter reached Macao. Perhaps he got it and has no mind to answer. Perhaps as Kate suggests he does not love them. ~~and~~ I hope to get light on this last head. A crazy namesake of mine, Commander Bowen, R. N. Admiralty Agent on the P. & O. Co's steamers to China, promised me he would go to Macao and hunt him up. I did not encourage him much to do so, as I am afraid he would not do Frank any good, being religiously demented (no insanity in no piety). But now I hope to hear that he has been there and learnt whether it is all a fiction or not. If so, I shall soon know. We have had three mails from Hongkong since I began to expect letters from Frank.

I hope you will have seen some of the friends to whom I gave letters, Mr Harding Mr. Stearns, Capt. Hanscom. Mr. J. Harding lost his little boy in Liverpool, the infant that cost its mother's life.

Your last letter was rightly stamped 30d

The ship with Kate's present has not arrived; is fully due.

Is Leon Atterbury still separated from his wife? It seems to me she has no claim on him whatever, while she refuses to live with him and be subject to him as she has sworn to do. I am sorry to hear of his pecuniary trouble. Perhaps good may come out of it.

If I had time I would write to Antoinette, though I do not suppose I could make her see things as I do. (I mean with regard to my expatriation, condemned by her.)

I need not say that I have been greatly touched by your proposal to come out to Bombay. The thought is most cheering, & I should love to open a way. But in order that I can say "Yes" to you, a conjunction of many things ~~are~~ necessary. Have you the means of coming? Will the climate agree with you? Will you be able to support yourself? Will I be able to support you, should there be need? All these are disposed of by a clear unmistakable intimation of the Divine will. But is this to be had?

Almost all the Europeans here send their children home to be educated. There are few children here except ~~the children~~ those of soldiers and those of the poorest class of civilians. These are generally taught in regimental schools, or gathered into one or two large Orphanages at the Presidency. Schools for European children are hardly needed; in the last two years several have been established, and there ought some-times to be an opening here. There is a Native Girls' School under the care of Mrs. Mitchell (widow of a missy), but I am sorry to say that the teaching of Christianity is not allowed.

Other educational work is in connection with Missions.

There is an admirable sphere of activity for missionary ladies, in visiting the families of well-to-do Natives, conversing with them, teaching them to sew &c, to read and speak English, and the Bible is not excluded. This work is very extensively carried on in Calcutta. Bible instruction is permitted because the Natives know that to it they are indebted for the visits of the miss'y lady. She is supported by the Mission, that is, by Christian friends at home. To do this work, it is necessary to learn a language. We have great need in Bombay of such workers. A Society has been formed of ladies in Boston (under the auspices of the Am. Board) and Mrs Miron Winslow, 107 Boylston St. Boston, is its Corresponding Sec'y.

But I dare not say anything to lead you to come. I cannot assume such a responsibility. It must be for you to find out the will of the Lord in this matter. For the present, I add not another word.

Glad to hear you mention Dr. Skinner. What pleasant recollections I have of him. Remember me affectionately to him when you see him again in a street car or elsewhere.

The monsoon has set in. We have had a profusion of thunder & lightning, wind & rain. I had ten days of headache that

month, and only 1 this month.
I think I am benefitted by pouring water on my head every morning.

Mrs. Raitt, an old pupil of mine, one of the Miles' family, has just come to Bombay again. She has been eight years in England. Her husband, Major Raitt, has a civil appointment here.

There is amazingly little of the spirit and power of religion here. Iniquity abounds and the love of many waxes cold.

Will you kindly despatch the enclosed, either by adding "33 Pemberton Square, Boston," or by sending it to the rooms in New York.

The Lord bless you and guide you both; guide you, above all things, into all truth. Your affectionate brother
Geo. Bowen.

Bombay, June 16, 1868

Sat. [illegible]

1882

Miss Harriet S. Bowen
~~48 West Washington Place~~
[illegible] J. W. E. Dodge
~~New York~~
Tarrytown. N.Y.

Brooklyn, Aug 17, 1865

My dear Sisters

A thousand thanks for your letters of May 29 & July 1. You will have had to wait till another month after rec. mine of May 18th, acknowledging to you that before getting my answer to your serious proposition which was written June 16th. I am afraid it will disappoint you. I had no light upon which I could confidently speak, and then you I felt that the question must be settled without me. You know what a happiness it would be to me to see you, but not of the responsibility connected with me. How (if I asked you to come and the event should be adverse to you could I forgive myself.

I am so glad you saw Capt Hanscom. It seemed to me from the first that if you came he or I have something to do with it. But I can only wait. When you talk about breaking up your manner of life, you must bear in mind that many have attempted this and failed. Where there is a principle in the case (protected, most people would call it) every thing else must give way: but Friends be with you daily, and let you take care of me as far as possible. One would think I were a wretched invalid. I should naturally care for you.

You will have seen in the Guardian the notice of Mr. Messenger's death. He and I were greatly attached to each other. Few understood him as I did. We always got along admirably. It was an unpleasant word to bring to me. When he came to Brooklyn he told M. wanted him to be their son, to live with them and let them take care of me. I was with them after tea this evening a week, going afterwards together to meetings. It was a kind of half home. I was with him very much in his illness and esteemed it a great privilege to be so. I spent every night for a week with him; there was little to be done and my sleep was not much broken: it would have been much harder for Mrs. M. if I had not been there. For some days he was speechless and could not even swallow. Some days before his death the Am. missionaries from the interior arrived, having come for the July meeting. He was able to recognize them. We were all about his death bed when he died. — Mrs. Munger left Aug. 4 for Am.ca via England, taking Fanny the little girl whom they had adopted. I gave her a note to you. Should you ever see her remember she is a very dear friend of mine.

A few days before Br. Munger's death I rec'd Kate's very kind and long-expected present which I value much, though I cannot say it speaks to me very much of Ida. The old one (brought with me from Am.ca) brings her nearer. I do not think the best portrait painter in the world would be able to convert a bad photograph into a good portrait. Still I value the picture very much and am greatly obliged to you dear Kate for your kind thoughts. Your own picture is excellent. I like it far better than the one sent out two years ago when Mr Ward came. I am glad you sent one not painted. I am somewhat amused at your idea that they look like me. — A friend who is just now seized with the photographic mania, took 6 Am. missies in a group lately, myself being one of them. It is exceedingly good. I ~~shall send~~ enclose you one

I am glad you have so much leisure this summer & are able to pass it so pleasantly and I dare say profitably to yourselves and to others. — No news from Frank. I sent the Guardian to him for some months, & then stopped them.

I am much interested in Kate's scrap of information about Humphreys. When I remember how he appeared [illegible] him I cannot give up the hope that he may yet be a true servant of God. Of course, we cannot easily expect it, [illegible] I should hope the [illegible] by being [illegible] things will prove him.

You are I doubt not kind to Elizabeth Foster. Her lot has been a hard one. We needed sharper and softer [illegible] on the cross-grained ones. The command to suffer long implies that there are some not easily borne with. From what you say I fancy she has a little of her mother's temper. We must not be overcome of evil, in that form.

Mrs. Harding went right through New York without stopping. — Mrs. Hume has been in N. Y. for a year with an invalid daughter, Hannah, suff.g from spine disease. She has been trying the Russian Movement, and staying at the place where that treatment is used in the Cooper's Institute building, I understand. I wish you had known of and could have seen her, & Hannah. I remember the latter well, a dear little girl. I do not know if she is still there or not.

I had lately a letter from Br. Dulles. It was dated July 3, but came a week before yours dated July 1, having come via Marseilles. He sent the books I wanted a long time ago and I shall doubtless soon get them. He says I [illegible]

I send to your sister 10 copies? Please regard them as yours. — Give my love to the Carlingtons, Atterburys, Browns, Antoinette & others. — I am glad to get such an excellent account of your Richard Brown. — I hope you will not fail to write Dajiba. — A friend of mine Mr Butcher lost his wife very suddenly the other day. He had only been married a few months. She was formerly in this country as Miss Kennedy. He proposed to her but she declined. In Scotland, she thought better of it. He renewed his proposal. She went out as the time was to prepare. But her parents were very unwilling that she should come out to bury herself in the jungle with him. He is a Civil Engineer there where there is no Society. She was three days ill. He is comforted by knowing how well prepared she was. She was very handsome but best of all the beauty of the Lord was upon her. So we think. —

The Stearns stopped a while in Europe. —

I am visiting a lady dying of internal Cancer, and another of I know not what. Her husband was at the time of the wheel in 1864, dispensing fortunes.

The Wilders have not expressed to me any intention of returning.

I enclose a letter to Mr. Dalley which kindly post.

The photographed are Bissell, Fairbank, Bruce, Harding, Abbott. Aug 18.

18th. We are just through with the Eclipse. The sky was veiled in clouds, and I only once or twice caught a glimpse of the sun's disc like that of the new moon when first seen. But the darkness was no greater than it often is at this season.

I am dear Sister Your ever affectionate Brother

[illegible] Brown.

I enclose a letter for Mr. Hume. Through the Am. Bd you can send it.

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Atterbury
Aug 17

Miss Carrie S. Bowen
48 Washington Place
New York
U. S.

via
Southampton

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My dear Sisters,

My friend Captain Sandeman is leaving to-day for America, and hopes to have an opportunity of calling upon you. I hope you can make his acquaintance, and [illegible] been [illegible] in [illegible] sisters [illegible]. He will [illegible] much about [illegible] [illegible] You will take every pains [illegible] He has been separated 3 years from his wife and child. He is well acquainted with

Mrs. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]
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My dear sister,

It is nearly two months I think since I last wrote you. I have had yours of August 1 [illegible]. I cannot say that it has been very different from what I had anticipated. It was somewhat painful to me not to be able to see you come; it would have been a great joy if we had previously allowed my desires to dwell upon the prospect of your coming; but then I did not see because I could not clearly see that it was the will of our heavenly Father. I felt that the decision would rest with you. It is quite conceivable that you might come and still be as you would wish it; but the contrary is also conceivable.

About the middle of August I received from a friend in London, marked "Private" a letter, in which he said: "My dear wife & I have more than once, in our conversations respecting yourself, asked the question, how you might be placed in your [illegible], should sickness or other trouble arise of you, refusing as you now do all pecuniary assistance from any Board or Mission. And while we are ready to admit God is ever present and care for the wants of each one of his people, we have pleasure in the belief that it is our duty as well as privilege, as God has given us the means abundantly, to beg your acceptance of the enclosed document." This document was a Receipt for Rs 10.000 deposited by this friend in my name in a Bank in Bombay last May. He writes: "I have placed the amount at interest for a period of years, which may possibly save you some present trouble. The re-investment however and the disposal of principal and interest, remain with yourself absolutely. It is not our will in any way to dictate to you as to the particular manner in which it is to be used; but we are inclined to hope that while it may be of service in providing for your personal wants, a portion of the capital may be expended in enabling you to recruit your health by a visit to your own country." Is not this genuinely true Christian love? You will surely pray for these dear Christian friends. I give you their names, but you need not repeat them to others: Mr. & Mrs. C. B. Ker. The money you understand is locked up for five years; only the interest is available. — If the money had not been given in this particular way, I should have felt it my duty to get rid of it in some way.

About a fortnight after receiving this letter, I received another from my friend Mr Sanders here in Bombay, referring in the same way to the possibility of my wishing to visit America, and asking me to let him place Rs. 2500 at my disposal for this purpose. I told him in reply that I was not thinking of going, and could not avail myself of his offer. You must hold him in affectionate remembrance.

Connected with all this that I have never during these 20 and [illegible] years, asked any human being for a pice for myself. It has been a fixed principle with me never to do it whatever my circumstances. It did not seem consistent with such a life of faith as I wished to lead, to intimate to any mortal, in any way, any pecuniary need. I have never lacked, though sometimes I fancied I did. I have never thought it proper to refer even to any trials of faith, there may have been.

I am glad you both had an opportunity of going out of town this summer; I remember the [illegible] well. Please give him my kind regards. How is he employed? A number of his old friends here have been glad to hear of him. I hope you have rec^d the journal of books promised by Mr. Dulles. Consider them your own. — I have not had a line from Capt. Hanscom. I hear he will come without his wife. That will be a great treat. — I hope to hear from you again before I close this letter. — I am longing to go, to be among you next week, for the Anniversary Meetings, but it remains to be seen if such is the will of the Lord. You remember how I was stopped last year. — I don't know if I told you of a sick lady I was visiting, who was dying of internal cancer. She died on board of ship in the harbour, a few hours after I had seen her. Another lady whom I was visiting died some days ago, Mrs. Duer. I knew her as Miss Roper when I first came to Bombay. I think my visits were useful to both these. Mrs. D. left behind her three little ones, but she had an unfaltering peace in the prospect of death, and said to me: Thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Miss Harriet . . Carter
48 West Washington Place
New York
N. Y.

Bombay, January 1, 1869

My dear Kate,

Another year finds us separated by half the circumference of the globe; but still on the globe and with ten thousand causes of thanksgiving. Though the Lord has not permitted the wish entertained for reunion, he has found, and will find, other ways of expressing his great and tender love. He is willing to show me in Christ, a length, breadth, height, depth of love far surpassing our past experiences. Why should we not be strong in faith to appropriate it. But it must be allowed to live and move in the heart according to its own laws. Sometimes, on reaching the heart it begins to act very strangely, casting this and that precious thing out of the window, tearing down what we esteemed ornaments, and instead of letting us sit down to a banquet among us [illegible] with provisions for some wretched ones. But the angel-guest must be allowed to have his own way, and we shall soon see that his advent is blessedness. Is it not the consciousness that Love divine will act thus, that makes the heart of even the believer content only with what it knows of that Love. Let us forget the things that are behind and press towards the mark for the incomparable prize

A Mr. Lockley of my acquaintance was very mu

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afflicted lately. His child was aged 15½ having been two years in School at Mt Aboo (40 or 50 miles N. of him) was returning to [illegible] with 3 other boys and a servant. The latter had a gun which he had been told by no means to let the boys have. But English boys in this country are under no control of Native servants, and Lockley got the gun to shoot with. He shot a bird that fell into a large pond and went into the water after it; his feet got entangled in the weeds and he was drowned. Three nights in succession Mr. Lockley went to the station to meet his son; the third night the other boys arrived with the sad story. He is terribly cut up about it. I have known him 20 years. I married him to his present wife. At one time I used to meet him in evening prayer meetings. Of late years he has found his chief attraction in Free-Masonry. One of his ideas is that as men are dead in trespasses and sins, ministers and all who labor for the salvation of men show that they know nothing about religion by calling on men to repent and believe. He was one of a very small body of the elect destined to be saved whatever he did. — I wrote him when I heard of his loss and went to see him. He appears much softened. Looks upon this event as a judgment which he has brought on himself by his sins & backslidings. I pray God it may be the means of opening his eyes to the state of his heart and his need of grace. — — Thanks for the Visiting cards. They will be of use. I generally do without, but sometimes when shut up to it I have cut them out of the thick paper that you find in reams of letter paper.

Where is Mr. Pulton or Dr. Pulton now? Does he live in [illegible]? Has he any change. Thanks for your account of Elizabeth Weston. She is not very strong. I wish she might be with friends. — I read with much interest lately a letter from Miss Kitty Hume to Mr. Russell; It was an excellent letter. Always tell me any news you learn of any of my old friends. By the by, I used to know a Mr. Hume who was intimate with us about the time I was converted: Where and what is he now? I am very thankful that you are permitted to stay in the town you like. — Tell me particularly about your occupation at the [illegible] Institute. How do you get on now with your painting? Please remember me in Chr. love to Mr. Fowler. I am glad you have him back again. In love I am

Your Brother

Bombay, November 2, 1869

My dear Harriet,

Your letter of Sept 22nd came alone, Kate being at that time at the Browns. My last letter I sent you under cover to Mr Wilder to whom I was sending letters at that time, — to save postage. While France is in [illegible] and unsettled every letter I get from you stimulates my desire to hear from you. When I may soon hear what I wish [illegible]. [illegible] I am in hopes for Frank & am [illegible] assurance that [illegible] I cannot but hope that by your very [illegible] November [illegible] revealed to him his place in China.

I am glad you have been able [illegible] this summer. I think if you could get to know the Stearns you would like them much. — I am very sorry to hear of the death [illegible] mention, him taking me back to 171 Green St. forty years ago. How high we have climbed the Alps of life. But like the Swiss Alps, we do not ascend to ice and snow, solitude, barrenness, death, but the heights become greener as we ascend them. We can afford to lose illusions.

Mr. & Mrs. Wells have arrived from America. They will be stationed at Ahmednagar. They are I think a valuable accession. Mr. Wells was in the war four years & lost his right arm. They are Western people. We expect the Hardings in a few days.

If the Suez Canal should prove a success, the steamers of Stearns' Line will soon come through to Liverpool. In that case Capt. Hanson proposes having his family in Liverpool where he could be with them every other month. Our telegraph has broken down, and we have been a good while without recent telegrams from Europe. Soon however we shall have a new land line ready, and, it is hoped, a line by the Red Sea.

Mr. & Mrs. Hazen are now in Bombay. He is Examiner in Marathi, after the University; this requires him to be here two or three weeks. I was asked to act, but declined, and suggested him instead.

Captain has given me a picture of himself & family for you. I enclose it. When I arrived at Ahmednagar last month the photographer of the place called upon me & asked me to sit for my portrait to oblige him. (Others had sent for it importunately) I could not refuse. They say the likeness taken is the best. Or you have changed so as not to send you any more, as they interfere unpleasantly with your ideal. Well, dream on.

I was a good deal out of sorts before I left Bombay. Ten days of insomnia and loss of appetite and I was not what I [illegible]. As soon as I got away, I recovered. I spent two days very pleasantly in Poona at Col. Kirby's, a friend of mine [illegible]

The missionary force at the Ahmednagar meeting was smaller than I had ever known it. Five missionaries besides myself, [illegible] with Mr. [illegible], Principal of the Chr. Ver. Ed. Soc's Normal School there, & my good friend Mr. Small, of the Free Ch. Mission, Poona, joined us. I enjoyed the meetings and the Chr. intercourse very much. There has been scarcely any accession to the Church [illegible] from without, for several years, and [illegible] with other Missions. Nor is there that progress within, that increase of spiritual life that one would hope for. — There is a Ritualistic Bishop here now, and Sacramental Religion is [illegible] among [illegible]

26th. The Wells [illegible] I could not get time. [illegible] an capacious harbour [illegible] and the winds and tides have methods of their own

The Suez Canal is an accomplished fact. It was to be opened to-day. Another great event [illegible] before the end of this year, the Pope's Council. Antichrist will then make his mark and there seems to be an attempt by some sects here so that the Lord will come forth from his place to [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] the Man of Sin [illegible] at Rome [illegible] this day.

Miss Fanny Hagen is in South Hadley studying away with great enthusiasm. Mary is in Northampton with her Aunt Mrs. Stoddard. The [illegible] landed in N.Y. Oct 7 and went on to Amherst the same day. You will have seen them before this I trust, and got the [illegible] of [illegible] sent for Mr Dulles.

What more have I to say? What better news could I give you than that I have a delightful sense of the Saviour's presence and an unwavering conviction of his faithfulness. Pray always that I may be enabled to endure unto the end, and that the world may yet [illegible] of all the seeds that Christ has sown in my heart. And may God give you and Kate and [illegible] grace to do all that is pleasing in His sight and give His love expression in your lives.

I must say good bye.

Your [illegible]

Will you kindly get the enclosed delivered in some way.

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Miss Harriet S. Bowen
48 West Washington Place
New York
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7 Feb. 70

My dear Harriet & Kate,

So many months [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] has been ill. I cannot tell you [illegible] of Joseph [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on the occasion in New York. [illegible] [illegible] 22 years [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] cherished friend, with his son [illegible] [illegible] fellow [illegible] [illegible]. It was Saturday, the 22, [illegible] of Jan. [illegible] Borner [illegible] [illegible] away. The office closes early on Saturday, so I went to the door, and found an old gentleman [illegible] [illegible] "What, is that you, George Bowen?" I knew him at once, and recognized his features as soon as I looked at them. He reminded me somewhat of his father. [illegible] here till Monday the 31st, stopping at the [illegible] Hotel. Happily I was able to spend a good deal of time with him, seeing him every day. I found him the same warm-hearted fellow as ever, and he seemed to be very fond of running over the events of our former [illegible], and his memory was somewhat more accurate or at least more faithful than mine. I have never forgotten the letter written about 1838 after his conversion, when we were in Europe, urging upon me the importance of personal religion. It had not the slightest effect at the time. [illegible] his sister and daughter very much. She has been engaged to Mr. Van Rensellaer before they had been a week on their journey. He seems a Christian man and I hope will make her a happy husband. We spent an entire day together, visiting Vehar Lake & the Kenery Caves. Dr. Bhau Daji, one of our leaders of Native Society, invited us to pay the visit with him. He insisted upon making all arrangements & paying all expenses himself, providing carriages, horses, sending out servants &c. &c. No one is better acquainted with the Caves of India than he is. I have known him for many years (he has been for years a subscriber to the Gazette). His convictions are very much on the side of Christianity, but not strong enough to induce him to suffer for it. The party went out to Vehar Lake (13 miles) in an omnibus, starting at daybreak. But I have been visiting some missionary friends at a port near there, the day before; I stopped all night and joined the omnibus party in the morning.

There was Dr. Bhau [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]) the [illegible], the [illegible]. Miss [illegible], a wealthy American lady [illegible] all the expenses of the [illegible] in her [illegible] (this may be mere gossip, as we say, & [illegible]) Mr Chamberlain a [illegible] gentleman of the place, one of the party, & Dr. Bhau. Vehar Lake is one [illegible], very prettily situated in the lap of the hills that feed it. Here we took horses and rode for two or three hours through a dense Indian jungle, finding the path as we best could, trees of all sizes and forms, growing in such fantastic ways as are not dreamed of in your colder and calmer clime, crowding [illegible] and [illegible]. The Kenery caves are cut up in the side of the hill, in a most retired spot, and are some eighty in number, of various sizes. This was once a sort of Buddhist Monastery, perhaps a Thebaid, or sacred place of retirement. In one of the largest and finest caves, the servants had put up a canvas wall and made other arrangements. There we breakfasted ([illegible]) about noon, and spent the rest of the day [illegible] the caves, & climbing the hill [illegible] of the [illegible] caves, to the innermost recess, [illegible] fitted up an object of [illegible] diligently) accompanying [illegible] in inside our appearance. It is not unlikely that the [illegible] of my [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible] for dependation [illegible] [illegible]. In [illegible] [illegible], a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] complete [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. — [illegible], or [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], a [illegible] of his mother [illegible] of his father. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

I got your letter written about Jan. 1. Kate [illegible] in addressing the Answer to me not [illegible] "[illegible] [illegible]", for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] came by Bremen and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. So good bye [illegible] [illegible].

Yours affectionately,

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Miss Ole [illegible] [illegible]
48 West Washington Place
New York U.S.

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My dear Harriet & Kate,

There is a surplus Grant, in fund entirely at my disposal. I do not know of any more urgent need for it — at all events, it is impressed upon me that I should send it to you, and I do so. Enclosed is an order for $150.

I was glad to get your letter of February 1912. Kate asks about postage. The postage from Amherst to India via Southampton is 22 cents, via Marseilles 30 cents. The Fairbanks and younger children are living in Illinois with his friends. The elder children are at Amherst.

for Marseilles every Friday ev'g; that via Southampton, every Saturday ev'g. If you posted on Monday, that would generally catch the mail of the succeeding week.

A Miss Vercoe has come out here & is engaged in ~~Mission~~ Zenana work. She is the daughter of a Primitive Methodist minister. She will perhaps go to Ahmednuggur to learn the language. Mrs. Harding has picked up the Marathi very quickly, notwithstanding her 20 years in America. She is visiting the houses of such of the Natives as are willing to have their wives see her, and is very much pleased at the reception she meets with. You must not suppose that there is any desire to know the Scriptures; what the educated Natives desire is to have their wives come in contact with European ladies and learn their ways and get their polish.

Out of the seven American missionaries in W. India (not including myself) three are at the Mahableshwar Messrs Wilder, Bruce, Wood, Hazen. Did you hear that Dr. Wood's son Eddie was out of his mind. You may conceive what a grief this is to his father. I hope it may please the Lord soon to restore him. He gave good evidence of having turned to the Lord.

I think I wrote you quite recently. I always look anxiously for some token in your letters that Frank is hearing to the Lord. It is profitable when we are baffled in our expectations, to consider whether the Lord does not intend that in China ourselves first receive some new measure of consecration.

I fancy you will be interested in the life of Wm Brown missy to China, when you see it. At the beginning of 1849 when I printed that letter on Missionary mode of life, a gentleman of his acquaintance in Bombay sent him a copy, but I never heard how it impressed him. Love to all

Yours ever
Geo Bowen

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April 8

Miss Harriet S. Tolman
48 Washington Place
New York
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My dear Sister,

I recd the other day yours of Apl 10, that counted seven months since your previous one. I am moved by your account of Mrs. Gibbons death. It has caused me a great deal of grief. I am so sorry that all these years went by without any communication between them and me. I do not learn whether you have seen the daughter Emma since the death of her Mother. It had altogether escaped my mind that I had acted as godfather at her baptism. When was this, I wonder? Early in 1844. I have not the slightest recollection of it, I should almost think it a mistake on your part. Please tell me what you know of the family. Are they living near

New York?" You see I have written a letter to Augustus Stebbins. Kindly direct and post it. — What a curse the possession of property often proves. I have seen many killed by it just as the war.

3 c cts of stamps on a ½ oz letter via Southampton is too much, 2½ d will cover it. The postage is now only 6 d between Eng. & Am.

You will have seen in the Guardian a brief notice of a [illegible] meeting of Native Christians. Col. [illegible] a friend of mine in Germany, some time ago sent me money for the expenses of such a meeting which he wished me to get up for the promotion of union among native Christians. It was a very nice meeting. The Gen. Assembly's Institution, a large building, was lent me for the evening; about 175 came together, of whom 20 were Eur. ladies & gentlemen.

All the Native Churches were represented, though the [illegible] Church party were offended because it was Easter evening and did their best to hinder some from coming. In the course of the evening I addressed them from the 17th of John. All the [illegible] cards &c. All seemed to enjoy the evening, and I trust it was profitable.

Mrs. Chapin Barrow is now in Vienna and has been there since last Autumn, studying medicine. She seems bent on fitting herself thoroughly for the practice of it. I had a note from her the other day. Her course involves a good deal of self-denial, & I admire her, but I do not know if she [illegible] pleasure, nothing is self-denial that helps toward the grand aim. I hope her life may be spared that she may have a long of usefulness.

I am interested in what you say about Frank's literary attempts. I have no doubt of his ability, but am prepared to learn that he fails in this, as I believe God is dealing with him as He deals with me, frustrating and baffling till we give up our own plans and schemes, and accept of God's. The very things which have been trying him and you this last year, may be in kindness & mercy. His ways are not as our ways, nor His thoughts as our thoughts. Alas for us if we are prospered *in our own way*; this is the crowning fatality of life. Alas for us if, graciously resisted in our own way, we persistently fight against that disguised and friendly opposition. Let us humble our selves beneath the mighty hand of God, there is no disgrace in this; whereas there is real disgrace in humbling ourselves beneath the hand of man, and waiting upon man for deliverance; let us humble ourselves beneath the mighty hand which sooner or later, in some way or other, is to get us under it, and He will lift us up in due time. I send these thoughts to Frank; they are not mine, but God's; and if he will receive them as a kind and loving message from above, they will be worth more to him than the realization of [illegible] all the dreams which have been built [illegible] share of him, would have been.

There has been a very interesting revival of religion in South Hadley Seminary, where Fanny Hazen is. As Miss Hawkins was formerly teacher there, she gets very full letter, and I have been much interested in learning of the work of grace. There are nearly 300 pupils & nearly all are converted. Almost all the missionary ladies are from the Seminary.

It is what is called the hot season, and most people that have the means are at the hill stations. But it is very pleasant here, & remarkably healthy. The rains come on soon.

Capt. Simmons left on the 21st in the Necra for Liverpool via the Suez Canal. I hope he will return; it's a little uncertain.

Ever your affectionate brother
Carl Brown

Please give my love to Mrs. Atherton and all her family. Fahnestock will be back now I fancy. What about Antoinette and the children these days?

Bombay, May 30/70

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Sunday Dec. 2, 18[illegible]0

My dear Sister,

I wrote you in October before going to [illegible] on the 15th [illegible] had a very happy time. [illegible] delightful [illegible]

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[illegible] of [illegible]. It has [illegible] of you. Many thanks. That was like a line [illegible] your letter more eagerly. [illegible] hope that [illegible] regularly [illegible]. [illegible] that by repetition [illegible] and that [illegible] aright, and that the Lord [illegible] have been [illegible]. How you [illegible] the anticipation of [illegible] that the action of [illegible] needed for, and [illegible] greater [illegible] than you had ever [illegible]. [illegible] glory [illegible] because you have [illegible] that you are [illegible] [illegible] important [illegible] in your [illegible]. [illegible] of

your faith is more precious than gold, and there is nothing of such great importance as the purifying of it. Faith in the perfection [illegible] and the revelation of God in us; [illegible] of Christ; and [illegible] manifestation of Christ in our life, is to be taken away that Christ may be all in all. [illegible] God we have been [illegible] a clear understanding of [illegible] God [illegible] sufficient [illegible] mortification. [illegible] tenderness.

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[illegible] is a [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible].
[illegible]
[illegible] **Frank** [illegible].

[illegible] that you [illegible]
[illegible]. And yet I know that [illegible] will not
[illegible]
[illegible] you
[illegible] I send you [illegible] of the
[illegible]
[illegible]

Col. [illegible] is my neighbour friend. [illegible]
[illegible] his name in my letters, during the
[illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] a [illegible] lady and [illegible]
[illegible].

I am glad Julia [illegible]. May she
[illegible]
[illegible]

How gladly would I [illegible] with you the happ[illegible]
[illegible] the Lord bestows upon me. As long as [illegible]
[illegible] daily. [illegible] you [illegible] not
think I feel not deeply & keenly sympathise [illegible]
told you. — Frank [illegible]
[illegible] for the first [illegible] from home

Yours ever lovingly
[illegible]

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Miss Annie S. Shaw
18 West Washington Place
New York
U.S.

My dear Harney,

I send you the semi-
annual Rs. 200. I shall perhaps not
want anything more for six months.
[illegible] I send to you
this money, [illegible]
Kate. If [illegible] I leave it with you
to employ as may seem to you best. Suppose
all money that comes to me, as be-
longing to the Fund. I am not master
of it to do what I like with it, but
can only use of it in a way
that seems accordant with the
will of the Fund. Those who put money
in my hands are generally (for

given it to the Lord, and it would be a misappropriation of it to divert it to any other than purposes of Christian benevolence. It seems to me that you and Kate are to some extent pecuniarily connected with me, so that I may very properly assist you to the extent of your need.

With regard to adokimos I think it not happily rendered "castaway". (tried and found wanting) Paul knew perfectly well that he would not be a castaway; was sure of it as he was of his existence; but he knew equally well that if he did not keep his body under, if he was not led by the Holy Spirit, he would be a castaway. He knew that not one of the 276 souls in the ship in which he sailed to Melita would be lost; but he knew that except the prisoners abode in the ship, many would be lost.
XXVII. 30. But I have written on this subject in the Guardian May 28th. It should seem to be agreed to me the Changing [illegible] of the Faith. The Arminians ~~take~~ [illegible] in [redacted] the Bible, and the Calvinists ~~[illegible]~~ Calvinism, the better instructed take both, take all Scripture.

I had a pleasant letter by last mail from Bakers at [illegible] from [illegible] we have reached something on this.

About a month ago I had a visit from a Pole, a Count, some years a prisoner in Siberia, after the confiscation of his estates. He made his escape and came to [illegible]

[illegible], [illegible], [illegible]. He was staying at the Roman Catholic College. I talked with him in French. He wanted to leave the Jesuits. — He is now living with Mr. Koike, our city Mis[illegible], with whom I [illegible] part every day. He spends all his time in reading the Bible, in French, German, Latin and English. I hope the Lord may guide him into the truth.

Should you see Mrs. Mininger or Sni-der, she would be glad to know that Mr. [illegible] now gives good evidence of having [illegible] in the Lord, and now [illegible] his way attending the meetings at the Bodens several times a week, and at the [illegible]. They are both very happy. I was with him a good deal about the time of his conversion. — Bode, converted [illegible], a [illegible], is [illegible], and [illegible] of [illegible]; I hope he will be exceedingly useful. — I have from time to time no have instances of one and another turning to the Lord from among the Europeans, but we see little of the stirring this year among the Natives.

The Wesleyans are I suppose on their way here they will find us assisting here. But the Bishop has sent two or three missionaries of the Society for the Prop. of the Gospel to Kolapore, to commence a Ch. of England mission. ÷

The telegraph is now wonderfully perfect between this and England. The great events reported in Europe in the morning are known here in the evening. Louis Napoleon is acting in defiance of all international laws strangely, and one cannot but hope that his pride may have a fall.

Yes, I get the Witness. You asked me about the Observer. [illegible] that it's little truth. I would like to see Eusebius' letters about India being. I do not [illegible] he will tell me what I do not know. You must [illegible] of me like. The Advance (Chicago) is a good paper. It matters little.

Remember the postage on a letter via Southampton is 22 cts, via Marseilles 28 cts.

I wanted to write to Oakwell this time; but must leave it for the present. Remember me to him & his and thank him for his good letter.

With love to Frank

Yours ever affectionately

Geo Brown

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Miss Harriet S. Bowen
48 West Washington Place
New York
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Jan. 6.

My dear [illegible],

I wrote you a fortnight ago. I have a nice letter from Mrs. —. I sympathize with you in your disappointment about Frank. We must leave them in the hands of a gracious God. He grants [illegible] Frank [illegible] to [illegible] which would be following you, which [illegible] to God; but God has shown by [illegible] was not the correct one.

I will send you for the purpose of enclosing this draft for [illegible], which I hope will help you to get through the winter.

[illegible] for us here. The work of conviction & conversion [illegible]. The Lord has blessed you [illegible] in connection with this. [illegible] visit, [illegible] me to [illegible] never before done, the [illegible] in which we were so in the recovery of lost men. I have the great happiness daily of instructing burdened souls and leading them to Christ. The great thing is, that myself to see souls saved, expect that God will use me in bestowing salvation. We are witnessing some remarkable conversions, i.e. the conversion of men who seemed to be lost beyond mercy. And there is a graciousness about the development of the work as a whole, that leads me to think that we are going to see a very extensive work before this is done. Bombay is such a widely diffused place, in fact a cluster of large towns, that Mr. Taylor has to shift about from one quarter to another. He is now labouring for a fortnight in Mazagon. Most of the people of the upper class dislike his preaching. He troubles himself very little about conventionalities, and talks like a man who has to do with the dead and dying, and cannot stand on ceremony. He aims at the one object of saving souls, and saving them now, and some are accepting the offer.

The deacons [illegible] [illegible] to those of Mr. [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in love

Geo Bowen.

Bombay
Jan 16/71 I wish you would get

some of Mr. Taylor's books. You will find them with the [illegible]. Read Reconciliation, or how to be saved. and Infancy & Manhood of the Chr. Life, and Election of Grace. Do get one of these and read it two or three times.

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Feb 4. 71

My dear sister,

I am not sure if you [illegible] me [illegible] the greatest [illegible] greatly anxious to get letters. I think [illegible] letter sent at the [illegible] of December. Thank you much. The last [illegible] remembrance, and [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible] imprisonment. [illegible] with [illegible] because [illegible] and [illegible] been taken [illegible]. [illegible] in the [illegible] of God so plainly [illegible] and [illegible] been [illegible] from the [illegible]. They must be done, — [illegible] Times. [illegible] of the [illegible] with it, — there is no faith without it; but we need a good deal of severe discipline and [illegible] before we come to the full understanding of it. [illegible] when we have [illegible] scheme of the divine [illegible], [illegible] be done, as in heaven so in earth; but when the plans and [illegible] of [illegible] are seen to run counter to our own ideas, then is [illegible] need an expression of confidence [illegible]. When we can say, cordially & with [illegible], Thy will be done, however it be and whatever nature it makes of my affections and tenderness then is our faith resigned to Him, and made in the [illegible] of great blessedness. — It seems to me that our [illegible] concerning & [illegible] of conversation should [illegible] in the [illegible]; that is our spirit should be [illegible] and [illegible] with your God and Saviour. Perhaps there has been a more [illegible] in [illegible] being so intimately with you all the time. His tastes would be likely to determine the subjects and manner of conversation; your distinguishing and most important convictions would be seldom expressed; there would be a restraint on you, [illegible] of and on him; his darkness would [illegible] the [illegible] over your light; and I should fear lest your piety would suffer by it. I speak from experience of the difficulty of living intimately with one who has no fellowship with us in Christ. The greatest [illegible] and [illegible] are necessary to [illegible] the evil tendency. — I cannot say that the [illegible] that you [illegible] there [illegible] my [illegible]. — It has been for a good while my opinion that [illegible] Lord [illegible] to the knowledge of himself, it must be in a way to glorify himself alone. ~~[illegible]~~ Just wait upon God with [illegible] ence to Him. And are we making it [illegible] with [illegible] many as are led by the Spirit of God they are the children of God; if we are not ourselves led by the Spirit, we can hardly expect that our prayers for the conversion of others will be heard. — I had a letter from Mrs. [illegible], in which she spoke of having seen Harriet. — [illegible] Olivia A. that was, Mrs. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible]. — [illegible] in their [illegible]; [illegible] the [illegible]. It would [illegible] [illegible]. — I do not [illegible] the spirit of the [illegible] [illegible]. There [illegible] I hope you [illegible]. The Irish woman [illegible] [illegible] I am this day to visit by [illegible], a lady, a Roman Catholic [illegible] [illegible] the Blood of Christ (Reid's little book) [illegible] to her. — What is the general [illegible] in the series of meditations of John XIII–XVII? It is our perfect. [illegible] I gave it in Baltimore, and I should be sorry if any portion is lost, as it may be difficult to explain it. [illegible]

[illegible] Baltimore [illegible] (Mr. Smith's [illegible]) [illegible] accompanying [illegible] coming, [illegible] in May, Baltimore, Mr. Smith [illegible] I hope they will [illegible]

I have been much affected by the kindness of [illegible] May the Lord abundantly bless them one and all. What a family that of the [illegible]

[illegible] Thank you [illegible]

[illegible] a little [illegible], and am [illegible] home.

I am [illegible]

Ever yours
affectionately
[illegible]

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Miss Harriet J. Brown
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New York
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Bombay, Feb. 23/71

My dear Sisters,

When I last wrote you I think I must have mentioned that I had been poorly. I got much worse afterwards. I became aware of my being out of sorts the last days of January. For nearly a fortnight I had diarrhoea and vomiting. I could not attend the annual meeting of the B. M. Socy. and so many became aware of my illness, and the next day I had a dozen visits and among them four doctors. Previously the Hardys had done their best to persuade me to stay with them, Mr. Kittredge offered me the use of his bungalow at Matheran (a hill station) and Mr. Hardy offered to go with me, but I was unwilling. Lastly my friend Dr. Eccles persuaded me to go with him to his house on Malabar Hill. In this house live my friends Mr. Arthur Johnstone & Mr. Manson. It is a fine large house with troops of servants, in one of the best situations on the island. The vomiting & purging were incessant. Soon Dr. Eccles called in Dr. Young (Med. Missy), a friend of mine, and they had daily several consultations about me. By Saturday they considered my case most critical, the disease baffled them completely; the great thing was to stop the vomiting, but all the medicine they gave me I rejected. Nothing remained on my stomach. I felt all along very reluctant to take the physic, and on Sunday, when the doctors were almost ready to pronounce my case hopeless, I told Dr. Eccles plainly that I did not expect to get well, so long as he gave me physic, and begged for an armistice of 24 hours, in which it might be seen what would be the effects of my being left to myself. He and Dr. Young agreed to my proposal. They were blamed by others who said it w^d^ be most dangerous to leave me to myself. But they both trusted a good deal to the power of prayer, which was being much offered for me. Sunday evg prayer was offered for me in several churches. Well I was allowed to have my own way in all things. So I asked to be supplied with milk ~~exclusively~~, nothing else. There was a buffalo in the compound giving ~~excellent~~ abundant supplies of fresh milk. I asked them to leave out of it the brandy and the ice. Well, at the end of 24 hours my improvement was marked and after that there was no more talk

of medicine. I had only one more attack of vomiting — Monday night. From Sunday to Thursday I took nothing but milk. I have since then been steadily getting well, and last Monday, the 20th, I returned to the Depository. I have since been spending the nights up here (I am writing this on Malabar Hill) but shall probably return for good to-morrow. They w^d^ like to have me stay here always. I can give you no idea of the amount of kindness and attention shown me. When I was so ill they came in crowds, but the doctor did not think it prudent to let me see them, except a few. Dr. Eccles & the Johnstones thought as prayer had been so signally answered that there should be thanksgiving; so, upwards of forty gathered here last Tuesday evening to unite in this. It was a deeply interesting meeting. Dr. Young spoke very kindly and frankly about their treatment of me, and said that neither of them had any misgiving after they left the matter in my hands. Mr. Harding spoke, as did also Mr. Robertson, missy of the C.M.S. Mr Boyd, Free Ch. minister, Mr. Kerr of the S.P.G. and five offered prayer. It was evident that the belief had become very general that I was about to pass away, and my recovery in such circumstances seemed to some a miracle. I should have thought it a greater miracle if I had recovered through the physic given me. Nothing could exceed the kindness of Drs. Eccles & Young. Dr. Eccles had me in a room adjoining ~~my~~ his own, and I could not make a movement in the night but he would be at my side. Afterwards Mr. Manson insisted upon vacating his room upstairs for me, that I might have the better air. Dr. E. is a Plymouth brother. Mrs. Johnstone is the daughter of my old friend Mr. Williamson. She had an only daughter whom I knew as a child, Polly. She went to England for her education, came out a beautiful young lady, married Mr. Manson and died after 3 months' marriage. It was a terrible stroke to Mrs. Johnstone. This was in 1869. Mr. Williamson died in the 100th year, and 101st Mrs. W. — You must give thanks to God for the great kindness shown me through these and other friends. — I wrote you three weeks ago, and have not heard anything from you since then. Remember me affectionately to Janet when you write. 25th I have left the hill and am at my post again, all right. Love to the Allertons, Dullingtons & other friends. Ever Yours in love

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My dear Kate

Allow me [illegible] not to let [illegible] pass [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] not feeling in that spirit then. For instance if you [illegible] one feeling [illegible] "Another snowstorm, as if it never would stop. How I do hate it!" Surely this is an idle word. The snowstorm is not in itself and is not really the subject of your hatred. You spoke against the Maker of all things when you thus spoke. Our word "blasphemy" means simply the Greek word, speaking against; and there is just as much profanity in the use of such expressions as in what is more commonly called by that name. Of course you did not mean to speak against

God; but rather are you careful of his honor. My dear Kate, there is some experience needing to you [illegible] [illegible]. Let me candidly ask you are you truly reconciled to God? If to Him, then be [illegible] [illegible] his will; and you will not be fretting and murmuring at this and that thing in your lot. This reconciliation with God will be more to you than a world of money, more than any change in your outward circumstances. — You do not mean [illegible] of Christ. There is enough of his love for the [illegible] [illegible] and you are to get this [illegible] every day by bringing his love to bear upon your little trials, and upon that which you should create or intensify these trials. "I can do all things through Christ." If you have one place and Christ another, it will be very much as though you had one Lord and Christ another; [illegible] denying that Submission is not [illegible]. There must be hearty acquiescence; and if your heart says This cannot be, then that heart needs to be changed.

Dear Kate, seek to know Jesus [illegible] as your own portion, able to fully satisfy you apart from all circumstances. — It is only by faith in a whole Christ, a living Christ that [illegible] of your [illegible] selfishness; it is only by faith that [illegible] is made possible. Yours lovingly,

Aug 22/71

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Miss Kate Brown

Guernsey

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Quincy Apl 24/71

My dear sisters,

Two months have come by since I wrote to you, except my mutual communication in the [illegible]. I have yours of Feb 9/71 and thank you much for them. Harriet's account of the [illegible] interested me much. I feel bound to mention that Mrs. Child in my [illegible], because she would [illegible] at [illegible] Smith of whom might have better patriotism than Goldwin S. Molière. That [illegible] [illegible] Tilton's [illegible] [illegible] a wonderful young person. Tilton's article on the [illegible] I have seen; Mr. Harding has a copy; some day Fanny read it. Is Miss White the daughter of one who was once elder in the Mercer St. Church?

I was really sorry to hear of Dr. Skinner's death. Not that there is any thing regrettable in such a death, but it seems a pity to lose the good from a world where they are so much wanted. What about his children. His son that was minister in Carmarthen, where is he? That younger son who was at College, what about him?

Talking of smart children, a Native Christian brought his little boy to see me, the other day. The little fellow was just 5 years of age, and on being asked to deliver a discourse, took a text and pronounced an excellent sermon without a mistake of a single word, though it must have taken nearly 20 minutes to say it. I was rather distressed to hear him, for I thought severe measures must have been taken to make him learn all this long English discourse. But the father assured me that no special pains were taken with him. He was only taught for about an hour a day. But I could see for myself that the child's delight was in studying. I gave him some pictures, and a little book; he scarcely noticed the pictures, but got immediately interested in the book. Whenever anything comes in his way he begins to commit it to memory. The father, when I first knew him 8 or 9 years ago, was a Roman Catholic, in charge of an out-station for the Romanists. He used to visit me, and I brought him the N.T. and gave him books to read.

Since I wrote you, we have had the meetings of the Nat. Ch. Alliance, an account of which you will have seen in the Reformer. They were very interesting and their ultimate effect will be I hope, the perfecting of the Nat. Church. I was sorry [illegible] was manifested [illegible], in all parts of Brazil.

[illegible] received a letter from [illegible] (dated yesterday) informing him that his son [illegible] about whom there has been [illegible] of late, would [illegible]. The [illegible] are to leave in about a month from here; I am [illegible] hearing them. I hope all has been a [illegible] [illegible] for the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. They feared [illegible] would not be able to [illegible] for the [illegible], and the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

I have very good health now and am more free from headaches, I think, than I have been for a long time. What is surprising is that both Dr. [illegible], [illegible] who were so [illegible], have been in waiting on me in my illness, have [illegible] [illegible], [illegible].

~~Frank~~ [illegible] appears to have a good deal of hard work. I hope he will be none the worse for it. I suppose it is part of the cost [illegible]. What [illegible] it would be a satisfaction to him not to be eating the bread of idleness. I had a letter from [illegible] lately. It came by San Francisco, and contained [illegible] from [illegible] & Son in [illegible]. I [illegible] to send me photographs of [illegible] Stimpson ^himself^ and others, but they have not yet come along. Glad to get the [illegible] County [illegible] Boston. Could [illegible] anything [illegible]? — The [illegible] appear [illegible] a good deal [illegible]. I would like my [illegible] Cousin [illegible] Washington, [illegible] yet.

I should be glad to see the Advance

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible].

22nd. I have this morning rec'd the Advance of March 2nd sent direct from Chicago. Thanks for getting this sent. I shall not commission [illegible] to send me the Advance, yet, if when there happens to be something which you think I'd like to see, send the Advance. — Mr. Howard leaves here today for Europe. I did not call upon him, and have not seen him.

Rejoice in the Lord. [illegible] [illegible] not, until all. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] this [illegible] as [illegible] treasure, which I [illegible] indeed, [illegible] a persistent faith [illegible] it.

Your affectionate brother
[illegible]

Frank,

April 2nd /71.

[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

My dear Friend,

I [illegible] should have come

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]. In the present [illegible]

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[illegible] to keep away.

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[illegible] all [illegible]

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by me; and having [illegible] one
that is most [illegible] by the presence
[illegible], yet it [illegible] [illegible] in the
habit of attendance that I [illegible]
the blessing from on high. When you [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] attended with the
blessing promised to you, [illegible]
[illegible], and [illegible] to believe
the [illegible]. The great majority of those
who have been converted [illegible] the
Apostolic times, have been converted
by attending upon the Gospel publicly
preached. — I fear your attention [illegible]
[illegible] on [illegible]. Many [illegible]
friends [illegible]; but they [illegible]
of meeting with Christ, of other denominations
in public worship, and frequently [illegible]

not [illegible] attending [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible]. (I do not say this in any
chiding [illegible], or [illegible]
to interrupt the harmony of our commu-
nication or bring in controversy.

Yours in love

[illegible]

[illegible] Aug [illegible] 1877

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Harriet, for ~~[illegible]~~ your extract from Mrs. Allibone's letter during the sad illness preceding her death, that her prayers may be with us. It is pleasant to think of the [illegible] remembrances. — I remember Mr Ward of Boston; it was at the home of my friend [illegible] I met him. — I am glad you are seeing the Dr. W. Ballantines. Please remember that they showed me enormous kindness when they were here. He is a capital fellow and would have made a most useful missionary, but the wife's heart did not appear to be there, perhaps because her health was not good. — She sings beautifully, has rather an exquisite contralto voice. I must you not ask her to sing some of the things I used to hear her sing. — I understand his voice failed and he is thus laid aside from the ministry & has secular occupation. Please give them my love that wider. Love to Frank when you write. His last letter to me was written in 1848. Believe me yours ever

Geo. Bowen

Bombay May 20, '71

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by Brindisi, you will probably receive this letter as soon as the parcel of Guardians.

Yes I am the writer of "What is Truth?" I thought you knew that I was the author of all that went with the G^r, not otherwise accounted for. (as by a signature &c) This series may go on for a year yet, — perhaps longer. They are quite welcome to use any portion of it.

You speak of sending money by post. Have you not the money order system in America? The smallest amounts can be sent in this way, in India.

I send you Rs. 300 for which I have no need, which may help you through the summer. The Lord counsel you in all things.

My dear sister, we get the most out of every day when we get most love out of it. The love is in Christ, and if then it comes into our hearts and unites us heart to heart. Our old bronze natures are to be melted down again and run into the mould of Christ that we may be as He was in the world. Love alone gives value to life, and all in us that is unfavourable to love, must be done away at the cross of Christ. Shall we not come to the cross expecting greater things than we have seen? Greater transfiguration of our natures? Higher assimilation? Why not? The past time may suffice us to have lived our own life, to rise beyond what Kate calls the Brown nature. It is a bad nature. The sooner we get rid of it the better.

I find it is 4 weeks since I wrote you, before I rec'd yours of March 12. Many thanks, dear

Harriet for ~~[illegible]~~ your extract from Mr. Allenbury's letter. May the Lord still prolong his days, that his prayers may be with us. It is pleasant to think of the two nonagenarians. — I remember Mr Ward of Assam; it was at the house of my friend Mr Gordon I met him. — I am glad you are seeing the W. W. Ballantines. Please remember that they showed me every kindness when they were here. He is a capital fellow and would have made a most useful missionary, but the wife's heart did not appear to be there, perhaps because her health was not good. — She sings beautifully, has an exquisite contralto voice. I wish you had asked her to sing some of the things I used to hear her sing. — I understand his voice failed and he is thus laid aside from the ministry & has secular occupation. Please give them my love & best wishes. Love to Francis when you write. His last letter to me was written in 1848. With love to you all,

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My dear Sister,

I have commenced every week the proper time for writing to you. The return of the end of May, and hope to hear again before I despatch this. [illegible] letter [illegible]. May the Lord [illegible] the principal [illegible] of their love, and may Christ be life to her. I am very [illegible]. I hope you and Kate are getting [illegible] change of the climate [illegible] whatever, but [illegible] been given. I hope you will [illegible] something better, [illegible] keep tolerably well. Nothing but headaches. — [illegible] all the [illegible] in the [illegible] England [illegible] months, and Willie [illegible] in [illegible] health, [illegible] to them. — [illegible] in the [illegible] the [illegible] Everything

[illegible] Yours [illegible] Brown.

is becoming pretty good however.

I may have spoken to you of a dear friend of mine, Mr. Elliott. He died since I wrote you. He was very happy on his last days, though he had to leave a loved flock, wife and children. His last night, a few hours after I had left him, he called his wife and talked to her a long time, as he could, on the period of great peace and his happiness in departing. Finally, he said, Jesus is come, you see him, don't you? There; Come, Jesus (and he beckoned with the hand motioning him to come near). His countenance and manner were those of one who saw some great sight. After this he said no more, but continued in seeming unconsciousness till his death a few hours later.

Mr. Harding brought with him from Am^a a Cabinet Organ (like the Harmonium, but diff^g in some respects). Well lately another one was sent him from [illegible]. One Saturday eve^g o'clock, I came in and groped my way to the place of matches to light my candle, but found a ladder in a place where it was not when I went out, and wondered who [illegible] had entered. I had locked the door when I went out. However the light explained every thing. Somebody had entered, by means of a key from the clerk, and had left a cabinet organ behind. Opening it I found a letter from Harding saying that some friend begged my acceptance. I was only [illegible] at first, having a little harmonium given me 8 years ago, very inferior of course to this, but equal to my needs. I do not give more than 10 minutes a day to it generally. My first instrument I [illegible] over to Mrs. [illegible], wife of the C.M.S. missionary in [illegible], as a present. But I am not reconciled to seeing the larger one. I shall try to get the Sanitarium to take it.

Aug. 12. The [illegible] came in yesterday, but brought nothing from you. [illegible] wait another week. — I had a nice letter from friend Fuller lately. He says he would like to publish my med^s on John XIII–XVII, but they need [illegible] them somewhat. He asks my permission for Zeliah Dr. Humphreys of Phila [illegible] [illegible] as the book man [illegible], [illegible] bigger than his Daily Meditations. [illegible] making numbers in May, [illegible] as [illegible] by Kate, and hope it reached you safely. I wrote you May 27 enclosing an order for Rs. 300.

[illegible] [illegible] interested in some [illegible] the opening of May [illegible] 1874. Every thing [illegible] good days [illegible] charm for me. [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] being [illegible] commemoration of the [illegible] [illegible] celebration [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — Pardon my [illegible] —

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Imagination displayed many sad tricks with us all(?) —

The Witness comes by late by San Francisco, and [illegible] occasionally [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. The Cal[illegible] [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ Bombay [illegible] [illegible]. I do not care much about the Observer now that I get the Advance, and you may stop it when you like, or send it where likely to be of special interest. I think you will like the Advance better. Was it Dr. [illegible] Patton that edits the latter? Is it one of our Dr. Patton? There are articles in

the paper on the life of Parties that are [illegible] in [illegible], what you commonly

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My dear [illegible],

About the time [illegible] I [illegible], telling [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] from [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] for all time. I am glad [illegible] among the [illegible] only [illegible] for the moment. [illegible], [illegible] complete [illegible] and [illegible] of the morning, and the young men [illegible] Mr. [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] the [illegible] Glen Cove; [illegible] I spent a few [illegible].

[illegible] I am [illegible] a month [illegible] words are idle dreams. The content with God's allotment, [illegible] humble. Then perhaps will the Gospel find a response in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] something [illegible] better than all his dreams.

Mr. Allen's daughter, Mrs. Van Gieson died last week. [illegible], having been [illegible] [illegible]. She was only [illegible] the [illegible] been married 3 years. She died in the Lord. We had our Thursday eve. meeting at the house of Mr. Gladwin for [illegible] years. —

Mrs. [illegible] was a little girl and a pupil of mine. She was a [illegible] to the Ladies' [illegible] with [illegible]. For the last year or two she has been in a nervous state, mind always getting [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] her going her peace [illegible] in believing. But the other night I was called up about midnight to go to the family. She has suddenly become deranged. This was a week ago. It is a case of acute mania. The next day before yesterday a little better, [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible]. I hope she may recover her reason. She

[illegible] affected [illegible] [illegible] disappeared, [illegible] not [illegible] long.

Hudson [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] are [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Market to promise.

I have had a cold for the last fortnight. One would not think one would get colds in such a [illegible] climate. But when a person perspires & their clothes are wet, and then sits in a draught or the [illegible] reduces the temperature [illegible] [illegible] very apt to take cold. But I am decidedly better now. —

Northmoore St. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Mr. [illegible] is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] continent! — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] diffidence. I [illegible] not see the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] aspect of.

The [illegible] [illegible] safely with the child, all looking well. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] saddened [illegible] voyage. [illegible] [illegible]

I have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in England. [illegible] [illegible] letter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

commenced [illegible] my letter [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] sometimes send a letter to you
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] after this.
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you a
[illegible]. [illegible] the College [illegible]
[illegible] ([illegible]) [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] a letter for
[illegible] [illegible] by [illegible].
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[illegible] letter.

I had a visit, from young Mr. Fraser, son of Dr
Fraser! He has been 11 months [illegible] Bombay
[illegible] years, [illegible] his [illegible]
[illegible] a civil servant, and [illegible] the English
[illegible]. He has not seen his father for
22 years, since he was a babe in arms; expects to
see him this evening in Rome. Think of that! 22
years without seeing one's eldest son! Dr. Fraser, you
may remember, was formerly Pastor of the Free Church
[illegible] [illegible]. He became a Plym. bro.
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[illegible] keenly
last [illegible], [illegible]
a simple refrain, repeating [illegible], [illegible] the [illegible]
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and [illegible] there be
I expect [illegible] in a [illegible]
days, unless the Lord has other thoughts.
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To

The Misses Bowen

Dear Sisters in the Lord,

I have been writing to several dear friends in New York, and I don't see any reason why, I should not drop a few lines to you. Three years ago I was in your wonderful country, travelling from New York to Chicago, thence to the Falls of Niagara, Hamilton, Toronto, Quebeck, Montreal, Amherst, Andover, New Haven, and thence to New York. You'll see what an extent of country I was enabled to go over. It was a most enjoyable trip and

I have brought with me most pleasing reminiscences which will remain with me to my latest breath. What eventful changes have taken place even within this short period that has rolled away both in your own country and the old world.

I am thankful to say that I am still permitted to work in this dark corner of our extensive country, and in a great measure with success and pleasure. Since my return I have been permitted to introduce into the Christian Church by baptism nearly a hundred persons of various classes. We look upon this as good encouragement from our Father in heaven. But your dear brother's encouragement in Bombay during the last few years has been beyond his expectations. As I told you when in New York he and I were privileged to declare the glad tidings of salvation in Bombay for many years, the visible fruit of his or my ministrations was very little indeed, but it is otherwise now. I believe of late the pleasure of the Lord has been prospering in his hands.

Though I am away from him this side, nearly five hundred miles, and at Indapur, our oldest Rural Mission, some two hundred miles, yet while going backwards and forwards, I take a run to Bombay have a short season of prayer with him and see a few friends and then return to my stations either Jalna or Indapur. In this way I think I see him once or twice every quarter, and I assure you, I invariably return from his place greatly refreshed and strengthened. It is a pity that in these days I cannot have his company so often as I used to have when residing in Bombay. But by means of the Guardian I seem to hold Christian intercourse with him every week as you must be doing in New York.

I hope you have both been quite well ever since I saw you last. Thank God I haven't had a day's sickness since my return in 1874 to my father-land; and I have been trying to serve the Lord very much in the same way as when I was in your country, that is I have some engagement or other in connexion with my mission work from morning to evening. I think this is the best way to keep one's self in the love of God. My highest ambition is to become wise to win souls to the Lord Jesus. It appears to me that this is highest wisdom. How glad I would be to become as wise as Moody and Sankey seem to be in this respect. How one envies them when he hears of their marvellous successes wherever they go. How different is the character of revivals that have taken place through their instrumentality in Great Britain and Ireland and now in their own country from most revivals. However the Lord will raise up Moodys and Sankeys even in this unhappy land. You must be reading with pain of oppositions and obstacles that we meet with in our work. It is astonishing how men even in these days set up themselves against the Lord and against His Anointed.

I don't know whether you ever heard me preach in your large churches I used to plead on behalf of our New Settlement called Bethel. Well, I have been busy in laying it out ever since my return, and I think it is going to be a success. We have already ~~been~~ more than one hundred and sixty persons residing at Bethel. We have a number of buildings for schools and travellers to alight in. Our New Church to be called Zion from its conspicuous and elevated position has nearly come to roofing, and within six months or so it will be completed. It is seen from a hundred villages on all sides from ~~at~~ our place. We have been planting nearly two hundred mango trees considered in this country as very important both for the shade it gives and for its fruit. But what I am most anxious for is to plant trees of righteousness who will be for the praise and glory of God. I often look forward to the period when idolatry and superstition will be destroyed, and when the Kingdom of the Lord will come amongst us with power. You will rejoice to know that things are tending to that direction, and sooner or later the cry will be heard "the Kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdom of our God and of His Christ". People seem to be very sceptical with regard to the fut—

ment of these great and glorious promises, and yet idolatry has been destroyed. As I tell my European friends who are doubtful with regard to the ultimate triumphs of the gospel that I did not see a vestige of Druidical idolatry as I travelled from John O'Groat's House to very near Land's End, and what has taken place in Great Britain and Ireland, and in Europe, will assuredly take place in India.

My dear wife and children are at Sion Fort near Bombay or else they would have joined me in kind regards to you both. See that you remember us in your prayers now and then. Your dear brother often does so. Ever yours in Xt affecly, Narayan Sheshadri

Miss Bowen
c/o Dr. Bost
New York

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Col. Rn. R. Gallegos.

My dear Harriet,

I must write to you by this Mail; but I regret that I shall not be able to write you at length. I have received long letters from you and Kate, for which I cannot sufficiently thank you. I know not whether your previous letter with some much-prized lines from Ma, has been answered by me or not. I think it must have been. I think again and conclude that it has not been.

Probably there is some truth in ~~the~~ Dr. Clark's remark which was repeated to you, that your mind is in a somewhat morbid state. It is true of most of us. Your morbidness I find is this, that after the Lord has given you for so many years, with so much iteration, & in so many ways, with such powerful confirmation, all the instruction necessary in order that you may know Christ as your wisdom, righteousness, sanctification & redemption, you still should be sitting with a sense of desolation at the feet of this one ~~[illegible]~~ that comforter. "When for the time you should be a teacher, you have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God." In former years for instance I had much pleasure in reading your accounts of what you saw and were and heard and did in your last district. But now you have a great aversion for such labor; you drag yourself to them; the love of Christ does not constrain you to engage lovingly in this work. You speak disparagingly of the piety of the Fulton St. Prayer Meeting; but you should not; for this is just the piety that you want; the piety to labor cheerfully & self-forgetfully for the salvation of sinners. You want to be wafted to heaven on a voluptuous couch. You are willing to labor for Christ; but only on condition that the labor be congenial, facile to your nature, accordant with your tastes. In fact are you not wanting in self-denial? Is there not a marked predominance of self even in your religious life? Have you not lost sight of the homely working character of the religion of Christ? Our religion may easily be lost in religious exercises. To have true communion with Christ, we must go with him not merely to them who can talk beautifully of their experiences, but to them whose knowledge is elementary, whose love simple. Let not your Christ be a closet Christ, or the Christ of a spiritual coterie, but the Christ of the whole Christian people. I call to mind the strong aversion you conceived in the early part of your Christian course, for certain female prayer meetings at Mrs. Mason's. I cannot doubt that Christ loved to be there. You did not. It would have been happy if you could have got the victory over that intense selfness, by continuing in the meetings; but no, you humoured yourself & withdrew. Well, I fear there has been too much of this humouring of yourself. You ought by this time to be abundantly competent to deal with burdened souls, and to make known the fulness of Christ; yet you throw yourself headlong in the way of the new instructor. You have, a thousand times over, within you, all the truth that you need, in order to be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. I feel as though you were dishonoring the Lord that has done so great things for you, by speaking as though you knew not where to find him. You will find healing for your own wounds, by troubling yourself rather to find healing for the wounds of others. A whole hospital might have been healed with the medicines consumed upon yourself. As for the Fulton St Meeting! It is the most glorious manifestation that Christ has made of himself in modern times. The stream of divine grace flowing thence outward through many countries, has at length ~~visited~~ reached India: and the work in Tinnevelly is more full of promise than anything ever previously seen in India. It is marvellous with

what persistency the Saviour answers the prayers of-
fered up at those N. Y. daily meetings. The records
of a single month tell of blessings poured out on
many thousands, far and near, on sea and land,
in answer to the prayers of those Christians. What would
you say if I should tell you that should it ever happen to me
to land in New York about noon, I would be likely to visit the
Fulton St. Meeting before I came to you. Not that I love
you less, but that the place where Christ is manifest is
the best of all places. Christians of America, generally,
are very dead with regard to the meaning of this great
work. For all they know it may be the voice saying,
for the last time, The Bridegroom cometh.

So this is the immediate attention I make for your long
kind letters of May 21st and June 28! And this the encourage-
ment I give for your openness and unmistrusting candor.
Well never mind! I do not often scold.

I trust your bright anticipations of enjoyment in the
country, will be realized. The secret of being entertained is
to be entertaining; to try much, but to do good. This you
know and will then act upon. I do not know what it is to
need relief and recreation; but this is simply because ~~these~~
my burdens are so kindly laid upon me.

I am very much obliged to Kate for her long & interest-
ing letter. She has told me things that I wanted to know.
I hope soon to write to her.

11th. I was last evening (at the house of Mr. Stearns) on

American paper, and in it a paragraph to the effect that a barque Adela or more properly Sultana, Captt Bowen, had left New York Jany 26th, proceeded to Africa, taken thence some 2000 negroes to Cuba, and there been burned. (It is not an uncommon thing for the captain of [illegible]laver to set fire to her and leave her, when he has landed his cargo, and there is some ship of war in the neighborhood). I have no doubt that this was Drake, for it tallies very well with the information you gave me of his being in New York at the beginning of this year. (Some of the men of said barque, landed at Key West, and made this report. Brought there I suppose) The grace of God has been exhibited, during the last three years, in the conversion of just such characters. In many instances those appear to have been singled out whose conversion would most strikingly attest God's readiness to receive the most of sinners. —

I take the liberty of troubling you with some enclosures, hoping they will not add any thing to the postage: viz: a letter for Mrs Baker from her sister, and one for Mr. Wilder, and another for Mr King. You must address this last, deliver the first, and get Mr. Merwin to send Mr. Wilder's. I rejoice much that Mary's health continues good, and that the Lord kindly enables her to prosecute the work she prizes delights in. My kind regards to the family of Rev Brown, the Darlingtons and all other relations. What about Aunt Morton now-a-days? — Also to all friends

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~~Via Southampton~~

Bombay, May 18, 1868

My dear Harriet & Kate,

Many thanks for your kind monthly letters. You are entitled to the good keeping for only one half again. I am sorry not to be able to tell you that I have heard from Frank; but I hope the next China steamer may bring a reply from him. Am I too sanguine? It is certainly singular that Kate should have had the dream about him just a few days before I got news of him. — My friend Capt. Hanscom left lately for America. I think I must have often mentioned this excellent person to you. He has been in command of one of Steam Hobart Co.'s Steamers between this and Suez, and goes home to see his wife & child in Saco, Maine. I hope he will come out again. I gave him a letter to you. My friends Mr. & Mrs. Stearns went in another Steamer. To her also I gave a letter to you, and I hope you may make her acquaintance. I have spent many pleasant evenings at her house, speaking of the teachings of the Bible. She takes something for Kate, a set of boxes like those which you gave away. They are not a gift from me. I asked Dajiba to get them, which he did, out time; but insisted on sending them himself. So they are to be recd as from him. It will please him I dare say, if you send

a few lines addressed to him, not embodied in my letter, but on a separate sheet. —

A thousand thanks for the precious mementos, the lock of Ma's hair. I should have thought it would have been more valuable. The verse, Gen. 31. is most appropriate to mourning, wherein meets them.

I am amused at the notion of my working in the ricefields. The meaning is I suppose that I am throwing bread ~~on many~~ upon the waters.

Yes, the Robert Young of Edinburgh was formerly in Surat, and sent translations of Proverbs &c to the B'y Guardian. I have not a very high opinion of his qualifications, at least not so high as one person has.

It is a year since I wrote Dr. Dales asking him to send me a supply of the Meditations, but they have never come

I wrote of some a few months ago. I hope they will make their appearance, as some people are counting them. The Indian edition is exhausted.

Mr. Alunger says he knows the Mr. & Mrs. Jennings of whom Kate speaks. He would have been glad to hear some thing more about them

I had a visit the other day from Capt. Pickering, comm. of Am. Ship Sagamore. He was a boy on board the Jordan when I came out in 1847. 21 years have changed him prodigiously. They do not seem to have given him the pearl of great price.

I am sorry to hear of the Stimpson's reverses, though I do not attach much value to what they have lost. Perhaps they may be gaining by losing. It seems as though all the members of the Atterbury family ought to be devoted, spiritual Christians, rather than rich in this world's goods.

I am much interested in all that (

Kate tells about her painting & work generally. I look forward with pleasure to the receipt of what is on the way for me, and which should be here in a few weeks. I fancy I know what it is, a specimen of Kate's art.

You will have seen in the Gazette or what a furious controversy has been raging around the Bible here, in respect to the alleged mythical character of its contents. Dr. Birdwood, the leader in this assault on the Bible, is Secy to the Asiatic Society here. He is known as the irrepressible. His father is my friend Genl Birdwood and all his relatives are Christian people, viewing his aberrations as I do. The educated Natives drink in with delight these assaults upon the Bible, and arm themselves with arguments against it, thus furnished. This mostly lie [illegible] all European infidelity between him and the hearts of the people.

I had a letter to-day from General Field. He commanded one of the Brigades in the march on Magdala. He speaks very admiringly of the Providence of God shown in the ordering of affairs. He is a man of great prayerfulness and great faithfulness. When ~~do~~ you do get piety in military men, it is generally unequivocal. This is a dear brother whom I have known since I came to the country.

I agree with you dear Harriet in the longing for Christ's coming. I have been expecting the event spoken of as the coming of the Son of Man, for a good many years, and shall expect it till it comes. My conceptions of it may differ from yours in various respects But I know of nothing that needs to come in between us and that day. Whatever I do, speak and write is with reference to the ~~[illegible]~~ revelations of that day, which is the explanation of the narrowness of that some attribute to me.

Yes, I have heard of Mr. Taylor and the large batch of missionaries, male & female, which he took to China in 1866. It is an interesting movement, and I shall be glad to hear how they are getting on.

I am glad Mr. Booth has refused to leave the Mercer St Church. I hope they will not move the Church up town.

John Atterbury is not married again, is he? Is Wallace? Where is Wallace settled? Is Lewis reconciled to his wife?

Richard Brown must be pretty old to be shifting & building. I am sorry they are going away. You never say anything about him.

A Mr. & Mrs. Roby are here. He is a pastor at

Greenland, N. Hampshire, and came out with Capt. Pickering, his relation, for his health. He goes back with the ship. I have been much refreshed by meeting him. Happy the country where such ministers are numerous.—

I think the English establishment is doomed. It is only a question of time.—

You will have seen Mr. Harding before this, perhaps. He writes from Alexandria, has got so far with his 4 children happily.

You will have seen in the Guardian, notices of Baboo Chunder Sen. People are disposed to make a great man of him. I spent an evening with him. He has a very modest demeanour, which in the Natives of this country, is not always an index. He has gone back from the truth, I think, though he is a sworn enemy to Hinduism.

Much love, dear sisters. What love you have for me, show to one another and to every body. Your affectionate

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Miss Harriet S. S. Brown
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Dear Mother and dear Sisters,

To-morrow is mail day, and two months have elapsed since I wrote to you, and you are pleased to hear from me even when I have nothing to say, and not willing that I should be silent though you know I have a gift for taciturnity, and therefore I will write, though it is ten o'clock and I must finish my letter to-night. Many thanks for your excellent and highly-prized letter written by Harriet in her representative capacity dated in May last. Many thanks to my God who is pleased to employ Atlantic Mediterranean and Indian breezes, English Continental and Egyptian human conveyancers, with locomotives and steamers (which foolish man imagines the product of his own foolish brain, not considering that they are full of mysteries unsolved by him, and which engines are undoubtedly created by the Almighty in the beginning and scattered in portions in the very pathway of man, who could only go stumbling over them for 6000 years, when the pressure of God's providence at length constrained him to find these marvellous mechanisms and put the parts together, when what must imbecile and arrogant man do but cry Eureka, I have found it, how stupendous is my genius, behold my wondrous works, I have succeeded by my genius in making things that even God himself must be astonished at, whereas these are but the hidings of God's power, and these railways but parts of his ways) to employ, I say a chain of agencies human angelic providential reaching through 147 degrees of longitude, and traversing 32 1/2 degrees of latitude, to convey to me thoughts and affections from a couple of sisters and a mother, and a handful of friends. And not satisfied with this, he is making some of his conceited and blind artisans run with wires across the European continent to tie the Mediterranean Sea and English channel together that my voice may reach you ere the quicker. If he gave me his throne and made all creation subject to me, would I be any the better ~~thus~~ off? Far from it. Oh Love the Lord ye his saints, for there is no want to them that fear him.

These flowers on my table were given me by Mrs. Leith, at whose house I generally am on Tuesday evening. Ye will not come unto me that ye might have life — was the passage I dwelt upon. There was a poor lady there whose husband died the other day, after 6 mos marriage, and she goes home alone to-morrow in the Steamer. I have been much of late with an American Captain (Lockwood of the White Squall) who has been lying ill here for 3 mos, and who is now dying. I go to see him some three times a week, (though he is living 5 1/2 miles from my house) for there is no one else I think among his visitors to speak to him of Christ, and he enjoys my visits much, and they really seem to have been of benefit to him. Indeed I could hardly wish for better evidence than he gives of having received the kingdom of heaven as a little child. He fell overboard in the harbor at night, and it is most marvellous that he has lived till now. I wrote to his wife to-day (she lives in Philadelphia) to tell her what I knew. My heart has much yearned over this poor man and I have observed with great delight the patience resignation docility, humility, contrition and faith in only the merits of Christ, that have appeared. Latterly his mind has much wandered, but even in his wanderings his religious views are all correct, judging from his expressions. To-morrow I expect to be with him if he is still alive; he is in the house of Mr. Corp a merchant who shows him the utmost kindness, and who does not leave him except when I come to take his place.

Perhaps you have already heard of the death of Mrs. Wood. Her career has been a short one and hardly a happy one. She has had poor health ever since her arrival here. Her influence on Mr. Wood was very marked in refining his manners & thoughts. I have hardly ever seen a greater change of this sort. I understand that when at Mahabaleshwar last spring, she looked forward to the prospect of living in the new and commodious house which Mr. Wood has built in Satara, with satisfaction. From the moment they entered it, troubles thickened upon them, — first the sickness of her two children, then her own terminating in the birth of another infant, its death and her own. Brother Wood has felt the stroke very much. Possibly he may go home some day with his children. A new missionary, Mr. Bissell has arrived with his wife from Boston. They are destined to the Ahmednuggur mission. I am greatly pleased with them. - The rains are now about over, and I wait for the voice of the beloved saying Arise. Mr Cassidy still lives with me. We have a meeting at our little house, of the neighbors, twice a week, and quite a company of sinners and publicans they are. - Bro King's attempted letters do me little good. Who is Miss Harriet Bininger to marry? Is it Minor after all? I am much obliged to you for the extracts from Frank's letters. It is next to hearing from himself. The Guardian flourishes, and I hope may accomplish something for the cause of truth here. The population mentioned to you is of the city of Bombay itself. Bombay occupies an island of about the size of state of New York and not very dissimilar in shape. I will send a picture of it perhaps some day, and I have some notion of sending you the Guardian. I am to blame for not supplying you with more information concerning the country. They are constructing a railroad from Bombay over the adjacent island of Salsette to the continent. -

Aug 1851

I send but a few lines, much love however. Warm remembrances to all friends. Yours ever
Geo Bowen.

Awake thou that sleepest!

Paper E No. 1

My dear Kate

By [illegible] another mail
you [illegible] a letter [illegible] mail [illegible]
interval of three months since my last letter.
I am sorry my letters have been so few
this year, but I have [illegible] much
time (leaving the last month or two)
[illegible] in S. Indian Conference, and daily
the meetings were full of blessing and
spiritual power. I was engaged from
about 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. I think I got
that [illegible] more information of
the Conference by means of the news that Dr.
Taylor indicated & consolidated and made
one. We were delighted with Bishop Andrews.
A man of a very sweet spirit and at the
same time a man of spiritual & mental power.
Dr. Jackson is one of the most effective
preachers I ever heard. A man of culture
& refinement, of a most earnest spirit.

very eloquent, he takes his audience captive at once and maintains his hold of them to the end. Many owe their [illegible] under his preaching.

I hope the Guardian comes all right now. As there is no longer any advantage in sending it by Bookpost which relieves you of great trouble, we send each copy separately. I am [illegible] copies have to be re-addressed, kindly let me know the true addresses, and we will send them direct to the parties. You were right in taking Rs. 9½ from Mrs. Janvier for one year's subscription, and in keeping it for postage. postage.

I am so glad that the arrangement has been made for Elizabeth [illegible].

I am grieved to hear of Frank's illnesses. The gout is a very distressing disease, and it is sad to think of him suffering so much. May [illegible] humble [illegible] beneath the mighty hand of God.

The [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] M. Mission is now established in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on the other side [illegible] [illegible] I arrived in [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] Chandler of the Madura Mission. They were here [illegible] on their way back to [illegible] from America. — [illegible] person the other day and said to him: I lived in this house in 1848 and in [illegible] [illegible] I was lying in this room expected to die. Friends almost [illegible] hope of me and I wrote a farewell line to my mother.

Did I ever tell you that [illegible], some time ago, [illegible] the Church [illegible] made me an offer [illegible] a certain thing [illegible] my life and other things in the author's [illegible] of malaria. It was an [illegible] had been an [illegible] in [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] as a missionary. Happily the author finished one of [illegible] making me die in the triumphs of faith [illegible].

a great pity [illegible] should be printed and circulated.

[illegible] Saints [illegible] Sunday. [illegible] they [illegible] still [illegible] what they are [illegible] and the [illegible] frequently [illegible] drunk [illegible] influence on them [illegible] speaking to them [illegible] and [illegible] been [illegible] Canada [illegible] One old gentleman [illegible] the company [illegible] and [illegible] not [illegible] tell him [illegible] and [illegible] continually. [illegible] kindness [illegible] that God should [illegible]

Yours ever affectionately [illegible]

My dear Harriet March 1857

I have the pleasure to acknowledge your kind letter of Dec. 3, & also of the same, and hers of the 31st Dec., and return you both my best thanks for your affectionate punctuality. Yet did you know that I am going to intermit this month, — so much have I to engage my attention, — and I have only been induced to write to-day by the necessity, real or supposed, of administering — a reproof shall I say — a criticism. I may perhaps be all in the wrong, and it may be that there is not the slightest necessity for me to give myself any uneasiness; but some remarks of yours about a book that you have read and which I have never seen, entitled Seed-grain for thought & discussion by a Mrs. Lowell, rather jar upon my feelings. The book you say contains extracts from Emerson, Martineau and Carlyle; and you write in a rather commendatory way of these writers

this for this I am ~~doing~~ seeming to do good. — I
do not think you read such books as you speak of
I believe you can do it with far less harm than others.
But I can't be reading them without some-
times running the reading of [illegible] and their some
weak brother may [illegible] lly dear
[illegible] [illegible] read
Harriet there is somethi[illegible] with the intel-
-ment to become [illegible] the very
lectual, the accommodation [illegible]
Your power of appreciating & sympathizing
with elevating views, poetic ideas — Mind
[illegible] things. — Even in religion there is
danger of your suffering from this tendency. You
may be much taken up with that thought
[illegible] or [illegible] where some [illegible] better
Christians [illegible] society of [illegible] to forget
what is [illegible] spiritually known to Christ, being
might seem to you, & perhaps [illegible] un-
thought of [illegible] become common place. [illegible]

the Lord (has it seems to me) dealt with you in a way that was peculiarly designed to humble you on account of this passion for the [illegible]. —

I hope [illegible] enjoyed your visit to the dear family [illegible] I am expecting to hear of it in your [illegible] next Monday. —

I [illegible] pleasure what Kate says about [illegible] to come. I shall be delighted to [illegible] it, and I hope Ella will not decline calling for it. I was reading the other day in a book called "Life in Christ, or Memoir of Mrs. Mary Winslow." I think that she will be interesting to thee. Mrs. W. was in New York from 1815 to 1830 She was a most earnest godly and useful Christian. — I wrote to Mr. Home by the last Mail.

It seems to me that it will be a most desirable arrangement, if the Lord effects it, for you to live with Richard C. Dunn. I shall be very glad to hear from Mr. T. Dunn. Tell me all about him and his family. —

In the [illegible] this hot season [illegible] of my missiona[illegible] chiefly confined to [illegible] with the Brahmins [illegible] become so prominent as a [illegible] Hinduism. I go this afternoon to meet him again. I have commenced with audiences in my house [illegible] a week. — [illegible] now at Salem [illegible] there [illegible] the Magistrate. — Mr. [illegible] not [illegible] permission to come. The [illegible] in 1837, the other [illegible] from [illegible] the Ocean.

Kate mistakes when she says: "You speak of one of your letters having been delayed apparently on account of postage Notes." I merely mentioned the fact that a letter sent to the rooms ~~did not~~ came along with a letter posted by yourselves a fortnight later, and cost more. But as you think best. Rates of postage are raised so [illegible] that you need never take them into account. You can send by Marseilles, now for a slight advance on the Southampton rates.

Miss Harri
Mrs. [illegible]
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New York

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Mr. George Stiles, son of the gentleman in whose family I teach is to be married (in [illegible] my niece Lizzy) or is to marry him. They are expecting Mrs. Keith their daughter (with Capt. Keith) from England via Madras. Mrs. Showell another daughter is in England

My dear Sister,

I recd by last Mail a letter from Mr. David Douglas, Edinburgh, Publisher, saying that the Daily Meditations have at last cleared the cost of publication, and sending me an order for £25. He says, "It will give me pleasure if I am able to send you a draft at the same time next year, but of course that will depend upon the sale." As I have promised you the avails of my books, I hasten to forward this draft to you & do so with the greatest pleasure.

I rec'd yours the other day telling me that Frank had left. It seems to me a rather perilous voyage

under the circumstances &
I hope the Lord has favoured
him with good weather.

Mr. & Mrs. Osborn have
left for Australia to join
the Inskips there in their
work, and I fear we shall
not have them again in
India. They never had taken
heartily to this country.

Mr. Douglas says regarding
the Amens of Christ that he
will not have to thank the Major
of Chatham for any part of his
guarantee, as it has so nearly
cleared its cost. Yours in love

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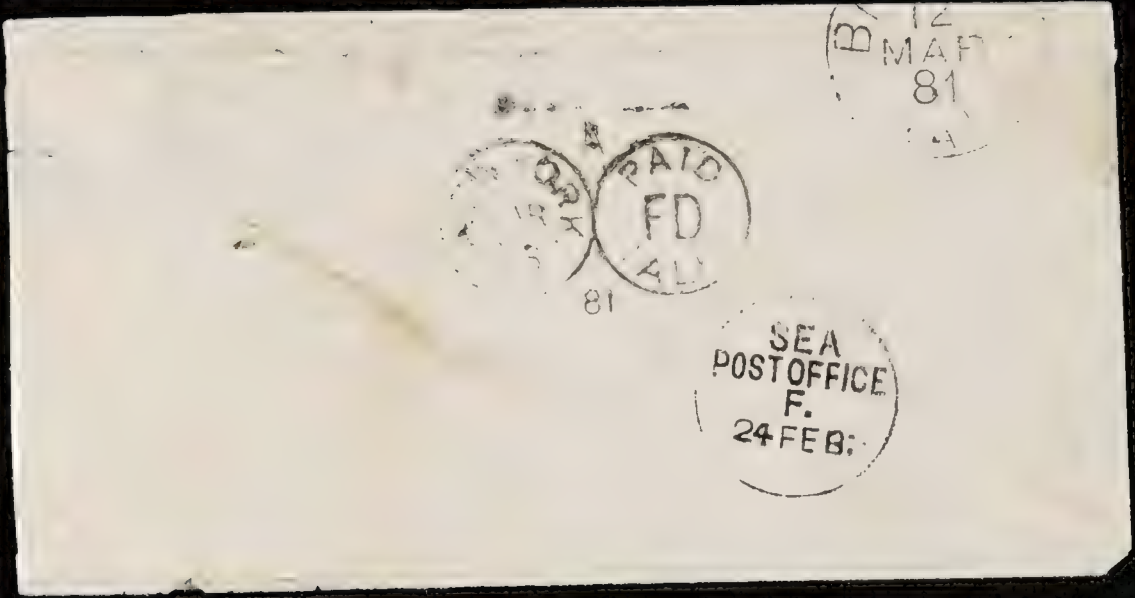

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pleasures of this world, but are possessed of a something that satisfies us independently of what this world can give. Men are carnal, and as carnal, God addresses them. He would give them sensible proofs of the Christian religion. The eloquence and logic of an angel would fail to arrest them, for the very reason that he is an angel; but let a servant of God give full proof of deadness to the world, that world to which they are so enslaved, and their attention is arrested They are amazingly under the power of their appetites and lusts, and the sight of a man having all these in perfect subjection must startle them. But the inner victory shall never be known to them, till its trophies are exhibited to their senses, through the medium of the life. The high aims of the Christian can only be known to them, by a demonstration parallel to their senses. So long as there is the least supposable foundation for skepticism, they will be skeptical about those high aims, and will refuse to believe the minister of Christ indifferent to comforts and luxuries, and the gratifications of sense, and reputation and distinction, until they see him throwing these behind their back, and signifying by his treatment of them the disesteem in which he holds them. Until that moment though the spirit be really in his heart, though he be truly seeking the glory of God and the good of men, though his affections be truly alienated from the objects of sense, yet the world will not believe in his transformation, or impute to him any principles superior to those that govern themselves. And if it should so happen that the very things they seek after, which they feed their imaginations on when alone, dream about at night, converse about among themselves, labor year after year, by fair means or foul to obtain, if these very things should happen to be found in the Missionary's Life, will they not be fatal to the production of that evidence which the Gospel is aiming to produce? Let a man with one hand offer the Gospel to a crowd of heathen and at the same time be handling a purse of gold in the other; will they give much heed to his message? No, he must put the gold out of sight, if he would have them listen to his words. There is a fascination about the gold which binds up all their senses, and baffles all attempts to secure their attention to the Gospel. Money is their God; they worship it and the things it procures. If, when they come to see us, they find their gods with us; viz, money, authority, luxury, distinction, they will honor us because their gods are with us, and will envy us.

But their respect will not be of a kind favorable to religious influences; nor will they be ready to discover the evidences, that we are transformed from our original natures, or that Omnipotence dwells in the bosom of the Christian Church. It is not sufficient that we do not idolize the things they idolize; we must openly and unequivocally disown those things. It is not enough that we can use those things without being contaminated by them; we are to reject them because they contaminate others, and because others will not reject them, while we retain them. Men are carnal, and the evidences which spiritual persons can detect, are hid from them. Therefore, the style of life which Christ enjoins upon us, is that which will tend to flash upon their very vision, the evidence that we are born of God, and are looking to things unseen and eternal. This species of proof should come first, in itself insufficient, but indispensable as a preliminary. When they have received this they will be ready to inquire for others; but till then they will be indifferent to others. The glory of the Christian religion, is not only in the purity of its laws, but in the sanctions of that law; not only in the beauty of its morality, but in its power to engrave that morality in the hearts of its believers. There is much excellent morality to be found in some of the sacred books of the Hindoos, but then their religion is utterly impotent to enforce the observation of that morality. There is but one religion that can really transform, and Christ would have the transformation it effects exhibited to the eyes of man. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify" not you, "but your Father which is in heaven." It is not enough that God is the witness of our renewed nature; that the spiritual in heaven and earth behold it; but an ungodly, carnal world, must see it. The apostles would say: "We are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels and to men."

The style of life which is adapted to give proof in favor of Christianity, is also adapted to exhibit it, and make beholders acquainted with the great characteristics of the gospel. In 2 Thess

3. S. Paul say. "We wrought with labor and travail, night and day, not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an example unto you to follow us." Paul was not necessitated to support himself by his own hands there; and seeing that he was a solitary representative of Christ, and depositary of Christian truth, in the midst of that heathen city, seeing that his time as a minister of the gospel was of unspeakable, incomparable value; it is a thing to be wondered at, that he did not avail himself of the means of subsistence furnished him by the Providence of God. It would seem that if there was ever a minister of the gospel called upon by his position to let work alone, and give himself exclusively to the gospel, it was Paul in Thessalonica. If then he could so profusely sacrifice his time how much importance must he have attached to the thing in view, viz; the exhibition of a model life. I do not cite this in favor of the notion that ministers should support themselves by their own hands, but as showing in what great account he held the outward exhibition of those principals which Christ had implanted in him. Though filled with the Holy Ghost, he left off preaching and went to work; and what for? Why, he aimed at no other thing in working than in preaching. It was, as it were, the interpreter of his oral preaching; without which the latter would not have been understood by the people. Now we may preach the gospel, for hundreds of years in India, by word of mouth, and by printed page but until it be incorporated in our lifes and that too in a way adapted to the dull apprehension and sensuous natures of the Hindoos, they will not understand it.

The power of the human mind to remain ignorant of divine truth under the most rigorous and long continued effort to enlighten it is one of the mysteries of human depravity, an one which will continue to meet us and dishearten us till we adopt the apostolic way of blending the language and the life. Whether we will it or not, our manner of life is the great interpreter of the gospel, to the people we dwell among. They hear us say; "Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple," and to know the meaning of these words, they look to our life. If its true interpretation is not found in these, then its true interpretation will never reach them. If they see, then, instead of a minimum of the things they covet, an abundance of them, the words have at once lost all their life and power. Five times, speaking by the Holy Ghost, Paul enjoins upon us to follow him, as he followed Christ. To Timothy he says, "Be thou an example of the believers" To Titus, "In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works" The Missionary must be a pattern man, and render his life an irresistible sermon on the words, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world."

These considerations lead inevitably to the conclusion, that Christ would have us exhibit in our mode of living, to those we preach to, and in a manner comprehensible to them, the principles of the gospel which are susceptible of being so exhibited. And here one remarkable feature in the position of a missionary.

to the heathen, presents itself to our notice. He may go so far in self denial as to exhibit this grace to the circle in which he was brought up. He may go farther, even so far as to exhibit it to the Churches at home generally. He may go farther, even so far as to exhibit it to his brother missionaries. Yet after all this he has not begun to exhibit it to the heathen. This is owing to the great poverty, plainness of living, and absence of comfort of the heathen compared with Christian nations. That style of living which would be decidedly moderate at home, is princely in the eyes of the natives of India. A hundred pounds or two hundred pounds a year, makes a man a nobleman in the estimation of the mass of these natives, and they are utterly without a faculty to discern in the life of such a one, the exhibition of self denial. There exists between the Sahiblock and the natives a vast interval; and the former are virtually, in respect to the position they occupy the nobility of the land. To see them the people must look up. In their hands are the treasures of the land, at their disposal the offices, and in their favour, reputation; and those whose aspirations are for these things, look to them. They occupy one level and the people another. Now, if the Miſsionary of the Gospel be identified with them, he will be clothed with a certain external superiority, altogether in the way of his exerting such an influence as flowed from the life of Paul and his fellow laborers. When the Miſsionary Sahib goes into the Bazaar to make known the Gospel, he will be as one standing on a pedestal. The people will look upon him as one who is above him in the worldly scale; and while they [illegible] ~~are~~ occupy ~~positions~~ so unequal they will remain ignorant of the true principles of the Gospel. It may be, that, in order to reach a position which seems to them elevated, the missionary has really descended much; it may be that in leaving his native land, and the bosom of his loved Church, to take up his abode among the heathen, he has made a sacrifice greater than they can conceive of, but it is not a sacrifice palpable to their apprehensions; and they will simply view him as occupying a position which they would love to occupy. He must destroy that pedestal from under him, if he would embody to their eyes the doctrine which Christ has made so prominent: "Deny thyself and take up thy cross and follow me." As he has renounced his native land he must renounce his Sahebship. In the providence of God, there is given them this opportunity of showing to the heathen the all sufficiency of Christ, and the indifference felt by Christians for those things which constitute the elysium of the world. Those steps in his course of self renunciation, which precedes his arrival among the heathen are hid from them; but this is one which will meet their eye, and deeply impress their minds. If it be said that there is something in these adventitious distinctions that give us an influence over the native mind, and that we have no right to throw away this influence, I would in the first place suggest, that no account is made of this sort of influence in the Bible; and ask in the next place whether any thing in actual experience shows it to be of value. How long and in what plenitude have we enjoyed it.

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how ample the experiment made; yet what are the results. Those who have been attracted to us by means of the worldly advantages connected with our position, how insensible have they remained to the religious influence we have sought to exert. How common the remark that those who have served us longest, and derived the largest emoluments, are those who appear least affected by the Gospel. And if, from this number, in the course of many years, one, two or three converts be gathered, the mixture of worldly and religious influences to which they have been subjected, manifests itself in a vitiated and obscure piety.

Our true weapons are not carnal. If we have worldly ends to accomplish, then this worldly influence is valuable, but if we aim at gospel ends, it is at the best worthless. It may be favorable to false religion, but it is doubtless adverse to the true. We conquer by renouncing such advantages. "When we are weak we are strong".

If it be said that the church at large, even the most pious and devoted portion of it, demand no such thing at our hands, and pass no censure upon our present manner of life, I admit it, and begin in reply to present the following consideration. Missionaries are placed by Christ in the van of the church, and he does not expect that the main body of the church will be keener sighted to discover truth than they, but, on the contrary, that they, as true pioneers, will be first to see what is yet unseen, and afterwards instruct the church to see it. In the body of the church there exists no power to redeem the church from a low state of piety to a higher. How to effect this is the problem of problems. The tendency in the world is for each man to model his conscience upon that of his neighbour; and this tendency is of overwhelming power and universality.

I may sup, and gird thyself and serve me; and surely Christ makes no unjust requisition when he says, "the disciple shall be as his master." Other argument which will present themselves to your mind, I forbear to dwell upon. One, respecting the influence our manner of life will have in determining the tone of piety and consecration in the native church of India seems to me of incalculable weight.

My dear brethren and fellow servants, are the views I have stated erroneous? Are they without a proper warrant in Scripture? And am I chargeable with rashness or arrogance in thus making them known to you? I hope I may not incur this censure. I have gone warily and reluctantly about this business, chastised to it, as it seems to me, by the Spirit of God. May that Spirit guide us into the truth, and make us mighty in the Scriptures, those Scriptures which were given that the man of God might be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto every good work. And whatever opinion you may form of the views I have expressed, believe that my earnest desire and unceasing prayer shall be for your most intimate union to Christ and your much fruitfulness in Him.

G B

Bombay. January 8. 1849.

San Francisco July 29/52.

Dear All.

Since I last wrote to you, on my first arrival here. I recd two letters from you one dated Feby & one in April. — I myself have not written very lately because I have had nothing very interesting to communicate. — Shortly after my arrival here I made up my mind to leave the Washington any how. and altho' Capt Cole made me good offers to remain by the ship. I came to the conclution that there was not money enough about here to make me put up with his petty meannes for another year. So I one evening politely demanded my discharge, which he refused to give me. — So I took it, after stopping on board the ship 15 days and went ashore bag & baggage without leave or license & immediately commenced proceedings against him for the amt of wages I would have received had I continued 2d mate all the while I was with him. for the Balance I thought it best to let that go, as there were no papers drawn up between us. — In the Justice's Court I got a verdict in my favor, but as the opposite party was not satisfied they carried it to a higher court and there had the decision reversed. — You will see by the Enclosed slip of newspaper something of the trial & its bearings. — Since I have left the ship I was been about two weeks out of employment & the rest of the time hard at work & no gammon. — The living here is so expensive that it is rather difficult for a man to exsist on nothing & still keep his end up. — For a night's lodging here in a common sort of a place you must pay a Dollar & a half & for a meal's victuals the same. — In fact everything is enormously high &

altho' wages are also high. I dont see but what a man Ca get along as well if not better on $30 ℔ mt at home. as on $150 here. — My first employment here after my two wee idleness was one that you might try to guess at. for a week and then not hit it. — What do you suppose it was now? Why. Depy Constable of course and nothing shorter. & the way I used to serve writs and summons's on people. was a Cautio to new beginners. This place did not hold me long for it did not pay well enough. and I then went as Mate of the stm. ship Tahmaroo. for $150.00 a month & found with libert to quit whenever I see a chance of bettering myself. as the house maids say. — My idea now is. to stay were I now am untill my month is out and then go into the lightering busin with a friend of mine. who is also the Mate of a ship & who ha some funds. — This is a very money making business tho' a hard one and as our idea is to go on rather a new princi I am in hopes we shall succeed. — As for the mines, I shall not go near them yet a while — Accounts from them are not very Encouraging. for altho' you hear once in a while of a man's making his pile there. you hear nothing of the hundreds who make nothing. However I shall go up and see the Elephant before I leave the country. but at present I have no idea of leaving San Francisco. — The business I am engaged in now. is very laborious. — from 5 in the morning untill 9 at night. I assure you a man earns all he makes. My health when I first arrived was bad. I having been troubled with an affection of the chest. but blister plaisters and such things soon put that to flight and I think now that I have been thoroughly acclimated & feel as hearty as a brick. — and a lucky thing too. — for my health is all I hav to depend on. — I meet a good many of my old acquaintancy here daily. but we have not much in common. People that I have not seen in 10 years I frequently come across in the streets.- Jim Dyson, you recollect him. used to live in Lafayette Place) is here with his wife and keeps a public House.- The other brother Bob is up the country somewhere and has made a fortune.- Jim has acted in a very friendly manner towards me- making me all kinds of offers of assistance. but as I came out here without any letters of introduction & nothing to trust to but my own resources. I prefer trusting to them altogether and having nobody to thank for any favors.- He has not been the only one. who has expressed himself willing to do any thing for me by a long chalk. There is Captn Dearing (formerly of the Silas Richards) who upon meeting me in the streets appeared to be as glad to see me as if I had been his own brother and pressed me particularly to come on board of his ship the Ann Mary Ann & board with him untill I found something to do. In fact he was particularly friendly altho' he did shove me into the Calaboose in Talcahuano. He tells me that when he sailed from there he left money with the consul for me.- but which by the bye I never received. — As far as seafaring friends go I meet them at every turn- Amongst others my old friend George Britton is out here and went up to the Southern mines two or [illegible] weeks ago. but did not remain more than a week ~~abt~~ [illegible] found the country infested by bands of murderers & Robbers. making it unsafe to travel unless in pretty large company's.- I think that George and myself with another bird of the same species will go into the business I spoke of before. and I do not think that if perseverance & energy and never say diativeness can make a thing succeed, that we shall fail.- I shall not write again untill I can enclose something more substantial than good resolutions & good wishes. So do not be surprised if you should not hear of me in two months.- I wish I had come out here sooner: say as soon as I had come back from Africa. I should then have been able probably to have done something. Dick Dearing says that there are fools enough here to do hard work without my turning my hand to it. but untill something better turns up I shall never mind from it. – Make my remembrances to Bloodgood and tell him not to pay that security of mine untill the return of the ship for it will be only then that they can prove that I did not go the whole voyage in the Ship. At any rate tell him to bother them about it as much as possible. for it is a regular humbug any how. – As soon as I get the dimes I will remit them. – It stands a fellow in hand to be temperate in this country. as every unfortunate drink costs him 25c & yet I suppose there is more liquor drank & fewer drunken men than in any place of its size in the world. –

July 29/50
1850

Mrs Harriet Bowen. –
Care of N Bloodgood Esqr
No 4 Pine Street
New York

Du LB 424
from Frank
July
1850

Well good bye to you untill I write again. – Do not forget to remember me to George every time you write. – Respects &c to every body who has politeness enough to enquire after me: God bless you all & believe me your affectionate son & brother.

Frank Bowen

Rio de Janeiro June 1st 1878.

My dear Sister.

We arrived here on the 29th after a rather disagreeable passage having stopped at St Thomas, Barbados, Para, Pernambuco & Bahia. My health has been good (for me) and it is to be hoped that it will continue so—
I do not think that I will as yet get an agency in this Compy. as there will be for some time to come but one ship a month and it would not pay to have an agent on a salary— I am waiting it out and will at least make my expenses And expect to return next month on the "City of Para".
Life in this town I have nothing to say but things will I think change for the better after the ship leaves and then I will know more [illegible]—
On Sunday evening I took tea with the Prime Minister of the Empire and his family. I was received with a great deal of politeness and had a very pleasant evening.
The Minister wanted [illegible]

my views about Chinese immigration -
He is very anxious to introduce that kind of labor into this country and will call a meeting of planters in a few days to have a consultation on the subject. In fact I have strong hopes of being employed by the Brazilian Govt to act as their agent in this affair -

Both Col Findel and I feel pretty sure that the thing will come out all right and in that case I shall not care a cent for any Steamship Compy and if I can keep my health for a couple of years shall earn money enough to last us all the balance of our lives -

If anything should detain me here after the "Para" sails I shall be able to send you money by that ship -

We have a fine suite of appartments and the view from the windows is something beautiful - Rio de J is a beautiful city anyhow but very expensive - I suppose our hotel bill will be enormous but as John Roach pays the bill my mind is not troubled much -

I have been troubled for the last weeks with a sort of boil on the jaw & inside my mouth. The Ship's surgeon says it comes from a defective tooth and recommends a dentist - But I dont believe it - I shall doctor it myself for a few days longer anyhow but it is very annoying -

Yesterday the Emperor & Empress visited the Ship and we had a gay time - there is a great deal of good feeling manifested towards the new line by the Govt and Brazilians generally -

Col Findel is very much liked here and is on familiar terms with all the swells from the Emperor down -

Members of the Cabinet & the nobility generally are our frequent visitors and we are beginning to put on airs and dislike the society of common people -

It is just a month since we sailed from New York and there has been considerable of a change in my circumstances tho' I am still without money -

Let us hope that better times are coming -

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As soon as I have anything [illegible] settled I will write, even by way of England, and if worth while will cable -

Up to the present time however, tho' the prospects are bright there is nothing sure -

As I do not know the number of your new quarters in 33rd St I address this to the old number care of Mrs Felter -

I hope that you are having a pleasant summer, and that matters go well with you - You should receive this about the 25th inst. as the ship is expected to go home in 20 days - She carries the largest cargo of Coffee ever taken from here, about 40 000 bags -

I am in good spirits - If I live and have tolerably good health everything will be all right -

Affectionately
Frank B.

Over Wallop Rectory
Stockbridge — Hants.
Aug. 9. 1856.

My dear [illegible].

I feel quite unable to express to you the gratification with which I received your most interesting letter, dated June 9. — I supposed [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] either to you. Considering [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] having [illegible] passed since I had seen it. [illegible] last communication to me was from [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] directed [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that you pro[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] hoped to write to me next from New York [illegible] having heard from you or of you [illegible] I [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from any other correspondent. You [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] address to you — but [illegible] [illegible] been [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Now that such [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I hope you will not again intermit [illegible] [illegible] any long time — & I shall now [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] without hearing from you, but [illegible] you are [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] letters. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] been [illegible] remarkable [illegible] — a difficult [illegible] [illegible] field of [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] to try [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] certainly [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] blessing & feeling [illegible] therefore that
your labour [illegible] in the Lord is not in vain, [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] or others. I will not [illegible]
that you [illegible] to endure hardness like a [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by [illegible] [illegible]
be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] there [illegible] shall
[illegible] [illegible] in holy Cause [illegible] [illegible]
the Truth as it is in Jesus. [illegible] you [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] if you find
say [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
of the [illegible] [illegible] been only at first successful [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] are not:
[illegible] for the future [illegible] — I [illegible] [illegible]
the [illegible] [illegible] of your [illegible] the Cause of
[illegible] when bread is cast on the waters — [illegible]
find it hereafter there are [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] to follow us. [illegible] let us [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] — for above all those who have
"left all & followed Christ" will be rich in [illegible]
& the brightest crown is laid up for them.
— I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
hope to hear [illegible] your [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] I will give you a sketch of my own [illegible]
but [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] been [illegible] [illegible] you — [illegible]
[illegible] which I think [illegible] [illegible] has been
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
has not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you were [illegible]
[illegible], but I think it was soon after I entered
holy Orders in 1838 & was then doing duty in a

very limited scale in a small hamlet near
Hurstbourne. After being there two years, I en-
gaged to assist a friend the Vicar of Longparish,
& remained in that position, living still at Hurst-
bourne, & sharing the duties at L. about 3 miles
distant with a population of 900, regularly for
more than 10 years - when the Rectory of this
Parish became vacant, & I was instituted to it
in 1852. I found myself now in a Parish of
600 which had been sadly neglected, without
a School, & with very little attention to the poor,
& the services of the Church. I had to rebuild
the ruined Parsonage - & gathered above 100
children, forming a Schoolroom out of an old stable.
In the course of a year, I built a handsome
convenient School, which is now very flour
I assist in it daily, & already find the good
effects of systematic teaching in the orderly
conduct & general improvement of the people. I
am not married, & cannot afford at present to
furnish my house - living in one room, with a
spare bed for a friend. — Old Lord Portsmouth
died in 1854 - & our family consequently left
Hurstbourne, & are now residing in London - all
being alive that you may recollect, except my
[illegible] brother who entered the army & died of
fever when on duty. — Cunningham has been
in Jamaica almost ever since I saw you. His
Father died many years ago, & left his estates
(he is unmarried)

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Revd. George Bowen
Bombay
India.

Paid —

WINCHESTER

Fordham N Y
Aug. 3, 1888?

Dear Dr Gillespie.

Your note arrived in advance of the package. I thank you very much for your thoughtfulness in procuring these for me. Some of our friends and relatives will have an opportunity of seeing this article, who would not otherwise do so. We are greatly pleased with the sketch itself and with the cut also. I am indebted to somebody for this number of "The Church". Is it to you? (I always use that name under protest. It is a misnomer. We do not profess to be The Church.

One interesting fact has not been mentioned so far in any of the accounts. George has always kept up his music. As a young man at home he was fond of sitting down to the piano improvising as he played. A letter recently received from India, written by one of his friends and former pupils, says that he was accustomed to dine at her house one day in the week. If he came in before they were quite ready, he would sit down to the piano, and improvise in wild way, and the sounds would be their greeting as they came up stairs.

A writer in an India paper – which I have not at hand to quote from; speaks of his social qualities. How in visiting a family he would interest himself in each member, in the cares of the parents in their joys in the games and plays of the children. I remember years ago hearing some one speak of the narratives he would compose for the entertainment of her children. As a young man before his conversion he was exceedingly reserved at home, these social characteristics not being natural to him.

I am feeling much better than I did. Somewhat like myself, which I have not for the last six months. As I become stronger I feel that I would like some object for my days. When I was feeling so miserable I was content to do whatever the fancy of the moment dictated. Now I begin to feel that I want something that must be done.

Thanking you again for these straw

Yours very truly

C. Bowen.

Saturday night
22d Dec

My dearest Mrs Bowen

I am afraid if I delay answering your kind letter just received, I shall not be able to do so before the middle of next week. I was about writing to you when yours came in, for which many thanks.

It was with no little surprise & sorrow I read that part of your letter in which you say that your instructions to the girls are about to cease. I cannot tell you how very sad I feel about it, though indeed the thought often came across my mind. It was only yesterday that we were saying to each other that you could not long continue seeing

All here unite with me
in wishing you
the compliments
of the season

things at home without deciding
on this step you are intending
to take. Every thing will be so
different there that I only wish I
could persuade you not to do it,
though I know it must be a cause
of great sorrow to have laboured so
long & receive so [illegible] from those
who profess to be the disciples of Jesus.
Really all things seem against us.
but I hope & pray that there may be
a silver lining to the dark dark
cloud hanging over us at present.
I am certain you would never have
thought of leaving home had things
been what they were a few years
ago, though you saw no fruit of
your labors. it really astonishes
me how Mama can [illegible] that
very bright prospect before her

children, and all others are so very
bitter against us. I often write
to [illegible] but she neither reads
nor answers my letters. I feel much
that God intends to draw us nearer
him by all these severe trials try
to think [illegible].
I am glad to hear that there is so
interesting a state among the young. I
hope that the Holy Spirit will soon
be poured out in that dark land.
I was sorry to hear about the Chicago
[illegible] family but it is no wonder.
He, Mr L, is the most shocking
hearted man I ever came across.
He has been the cause of much
discord in our family. I trust
there are not many like him
in this world. that we shall not
have another like him in the
family. [illegible] would.

unite each other beautifully. I hope
heaven will not be shut against them
though
if they would [illegible] almost every one of
it were they alike in all. It was [illegible]
in favour of Mrs [illegible] much to his
discredit. I hope he will soon see
the error of his ways. Has Mrs Grove
returned yet? If I am not mistaken I saw
his name down as a passenger some
where or other. Remember me please
to Mrs Sarazan. I must enquire of Mr
Jacob about you. He belongs to the
22d. George Jacob by name. He intend
to know more of them as we propose
an evening for social [illegible] the
Ballantines who are expected next
week. I am sure you will join us.
Mrs Jacob & Mrs Drummond are very pious
young women. They do much reading
in the town. He commenced to
go down a well [illegible]. I suppose they
[illegible] attempt to [illegible]

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Washington PM

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Miss [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

PO[illegible]
27 NOV

Dear Miss Bowen —

Your note has remained unanswered because I was in hopes of being able to send you the servant we spoke of, but as it is I am afraid I must not see her until the end of the week; at that time however you may be sure of seeing her if nothing happens.

Believe me sincerely
Yours E. [illegible]

Tuesday Sept 6th —

Dear Miss Bowen—

Your note has remained unanswered because I was in hopes of being able to send you the sermon we spoke of, but as it is [illegible] abroad I can not see her until the end of the week; at that time however you may be sure of seeing her—if nothing happens.

Believe me sincerely,

Yours E. [illegible]

Thursday Sept 6th—

Kolhapur Western India
Sept 23rd 1867.

My dear friend Kate

I have been intending to write to you for long time, and am very much ashamed, and very sorry that I have put it off so long. I have often thought about you, and your name is often brought up in conversation. I remember you & your dear Mother, & sister Harriett as friends, who sympathized with us in our trials, & I feel sure that you are interested to know how we are getting along. With our children & girls School & many natives around me to care for, I never seem to find half time enough for letter writing. I think my husband has answered your last very interesting & most welcome letter. We are always glad to hear something concerning

[illegible] Have you been to [illegible] again? Do you still attend [illegible]

you when your dear brother speaks of you
in his letters.— but it is sometime since I
have received a letter from him. I love
to get a letter from him — but I
know he must have a great deal
to do with all his Mission, & Tract
Society, & Guardian work. May God
give him strength as he needs, & many
more years of usefulness in this land.
I hope your dear Mother continues well
but [illegible] I fancy to feel the
weight of years. I doubt if she can
be as active now, as when I saw her
six years ago. May the Lord be the
strength of her heart & her portion
forever — I hope your good sister
Harriet is still a successful teacher,
& that you are both happy & useful
in the duties to which the Lord calls
you, & that you enjoy [illegible]
many [illegible] of which we are
deprived in this heathen land. The
Lord has been very kind to us since
we came back to India. It seems quite
wonderful how He has provided for us
these nearly eight years since we

have been connected with the Mission
Society — [illegible]
in this province, & [illegible] many [illegible]
around us anxious to know the way of
life. Our work is much as usual. We
have a large & interesting field but it is
[illegible] Enquirers often
encourage our hopes, & often disappoint
us. Just now we are a good deal interested
in two African boys recently released
from slavery — They had been kidnapped
with many others & were being taken to
an Arabian slave market when a
British vessel overhauled the slaver
& brought them all to Bombay, & released
them. Our Political Agent had two
of them sent up here, & sends them
to one of our schools to be taught.
It was difficult teaching them at first
as they knew neither English nor
Hindustani but they are learning
fast now, & we hope they may soon
become true Christians. The girls' school
is going on very well. The girls are
very steady, & I think their learning
[illegible]. They are seldom absent from
Morning [illegible] some of them can
read the Bible with us [illegible]
Sometimes it takes [illegible]

Mrs Wilder

hearts are affected by the [illegible]. The [illegible] [illegible] Sister has [illegible] and is [illegible] in [illegible] — She [illegible] seems heartily glad to see me & deplores the Slander & the other [illegible] of [illegible] him & much might be done in the Zenanas in this Kingdom. Can see already. I often think the [illegible] are opening how useful a Lady like dear [illegible] much might be in this field — I long to do more earnest work among the Women & Girls. it seems so little that I do for Christ. Her Father gets many hearers in the new Chapel in the City — Many young men come from the Government High School. His health has been better this year than last — but his liver is often troublesome. This cool rainy weather seems to do us good. Willie, Grace & Robert are all well, except poor Willie's lameness & they are studious & happy. Hopeful little children — Our hearts are often anxious about dear Edward. We received a letter by last Mail from the dear old Missionary Mr. [illegible] who writes that he fears dear Edward studies harder than is consistent with sound health, & a long [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] wanted [illegible]" I hope you will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for him & me [illegible] [illegible] our mission — Write to me soon. Mr Wilder joins in affectionate regards to yourself, your dear Mother [illegible] and believe me always your affectionate friend —

Eliza J. Wilder.

Col. W. P. Tisdel
1878
Frank

Miss Harriet S. Brown
No 235 West 38th Street.
New York —

Mrs Felton

N.W. ... JU ... P

Ship Washington Saturday

Dear Ma.

We will this afternoon haul into the Stream. but tomorrow I will probably Get a chance to Come ashore & say Good bye to you.—

If however we should go to sea & I should not see you again before I go. do not believe but what you will see me again. well & in good order. God bless you all— & tell Kate I must leave her shirt untill I get to California. Write to me at St Francisco in 3 or 4 mos per Steamer. so that on my arrival I may Get a letter.

In haste Yours

Frank

from Frank

Mrs Harriet L Bowen,
at Mrs Reid's, Fourth street
between Wooster & Green.
New York

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Letters '47-'58 not in Harriet's book.

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	Kate	June 13 '49
	Harriet	Oct 15, '50
	Harriet	May 10, 50
	"	Apr 27. 54
	"	Jan 30 '54

My dear Sir

I am glad to write to you these few lines and I hope that you are well. Our teacher is kind to us and tells us about our Saviour, I like you to talk with me about the, Saviour and about the American

schooll boys, I am veary
sorry to tell you that I
havegot a narvo × I will tell
× that is, a guinea worm –
you what I learn in school
English and Mahratta verses
and spelling and geography
and arithmetic, nothing mo
to [illegible] add
my love to you

Yours truly
George Williams

HENRY W. RANKIN,
EAST NORTHFIELD.
MASS.

Geo Bowen
Tracts.